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MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL
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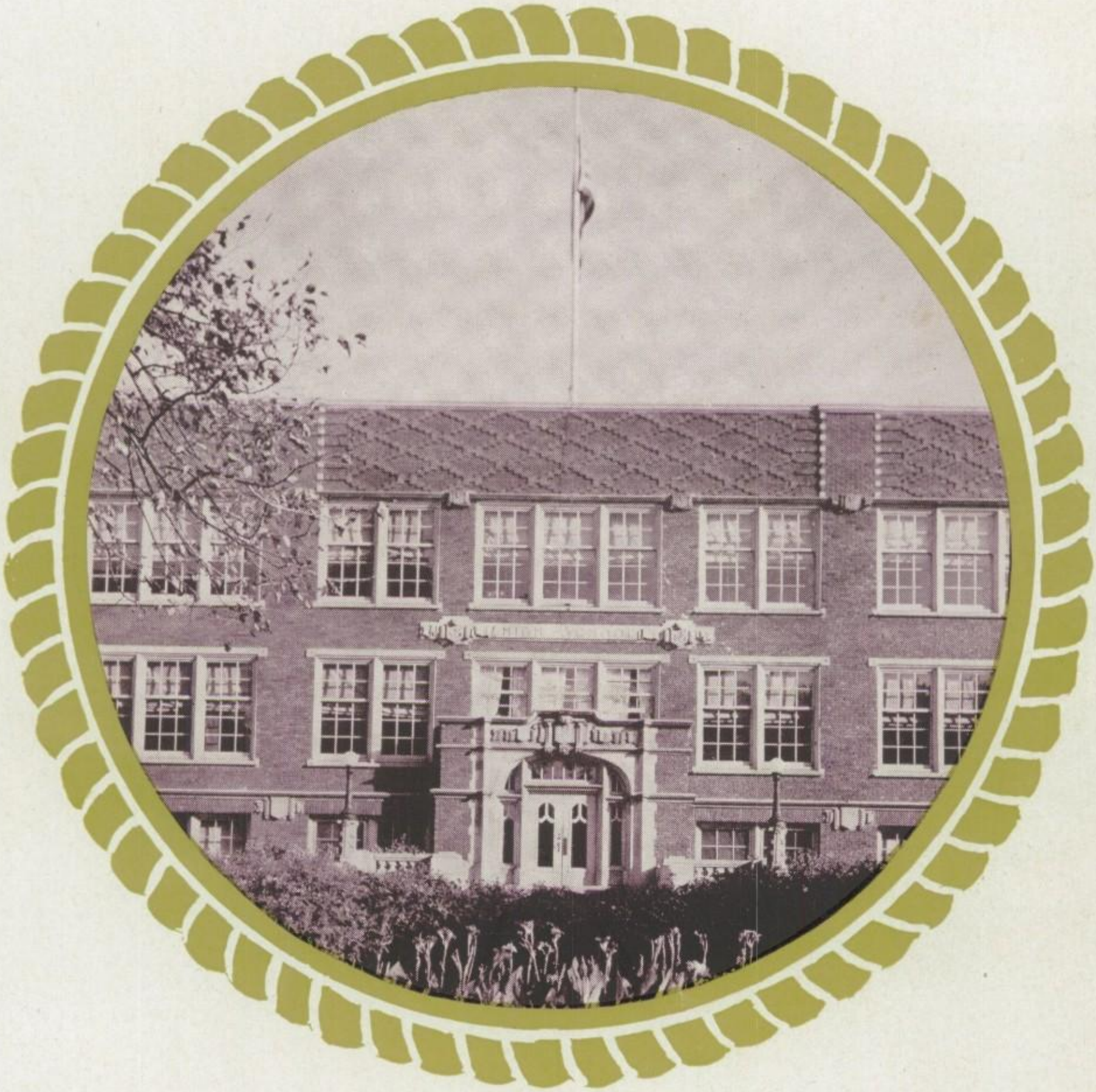
Foreword

WE, the members of the class of nineteen hundred forty-eight, like all the graduates before us, leave our Alma Mater knowing not what we shall encounter outside her portals. We have now come to the last great turn in the road and can see before us the promising gateway to a new world. Now that our beloved teachers are left behind, our class steps out on our own. Some class members will prepare for more advanced fields, some will begin in industry, some in higher education, some will prosper, and then perhaps some will fail. We do not boast of being able to foresee the future, but more likely the student that put in a little extra work, studied diligently, and sacrificed a little fun for his or her education will be one of the first to achieve success.

We offer you this volume of the Atodnem to commemorate our progress during the past year and as a record of four enjoyable and profitable years at Mendota High School. The 1948 Atodnem has been compiled in as accurate and interesting manner as possible. In future years you may look back upon this Atodnem, leaf through these pages and recall the many pleasant memories of your high school days.

— Editors



Dedication

This yearbook is affectionately dedicated to

Norma Moses
Died January 24, 1946
and
Duane Worsley
Died August 21, 1946

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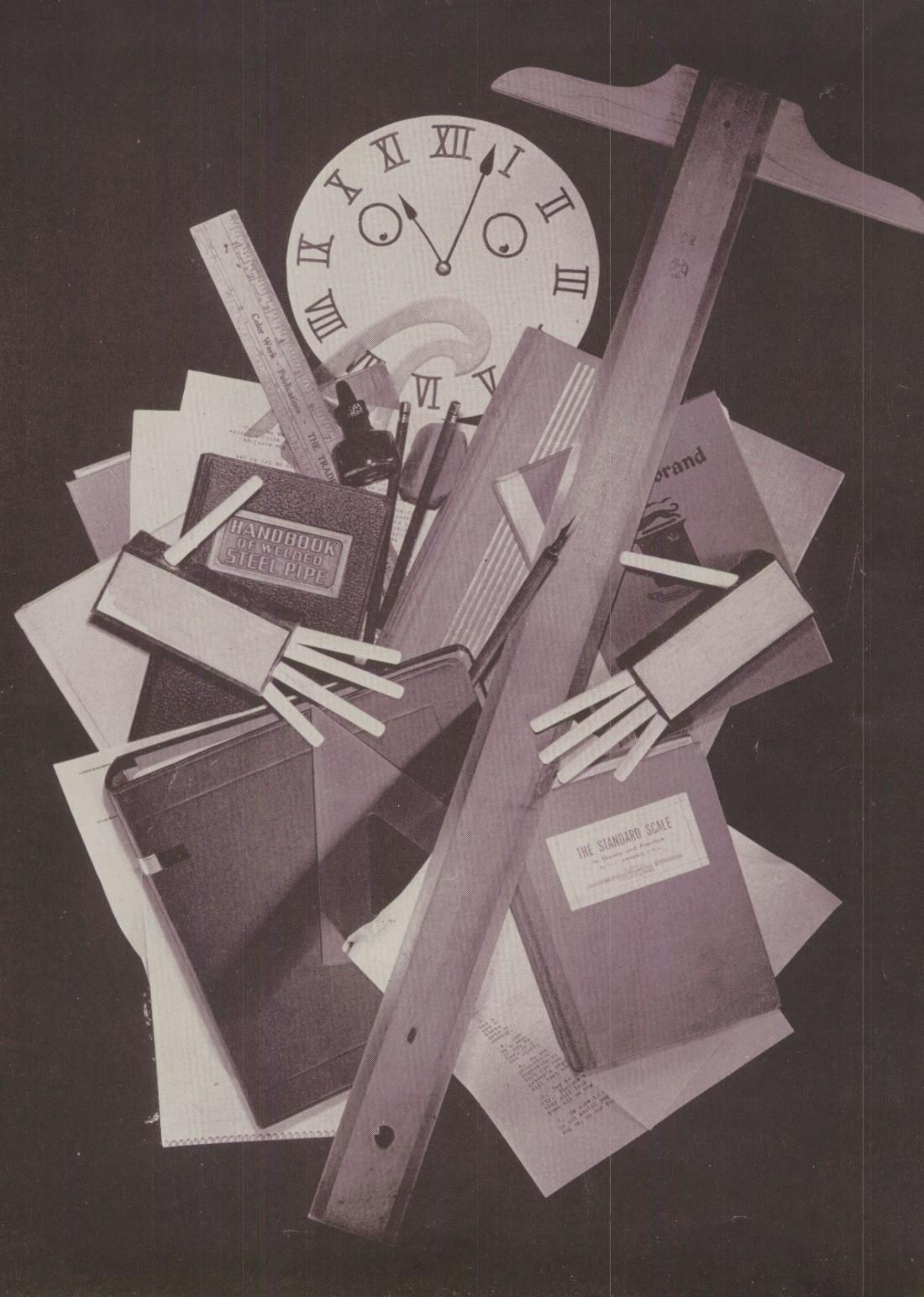
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OF WELDED
STEEL PIPE
THE STANDARD SCALE

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ARJEAN BROWN

ROBERT AYERS
DALE DENAULT

RUTH BARR
ROBERT COTTON

LAMAR BREWBAKER
ROBERT DAVIS

JOE BRADY
PATSY BUNTON

Our Senior Year . . . .

Having reached our senior year, we look back on our four years as fond memories. We remember starting out as bashful, green, unexperienced freshmen. Now look at us: bashful (?) seniors!

Eighty-two of us answered the first roll call for the job of a freshman. Our freshman party got us off on the right foot, even if the girls did stand in one corner looking at the boys, wondering what they were.

Our first big job was to find our leaders. We chose Lamar Brewbaker, president; Jean Van Etten, vice president; and Louise Magnusson, secretary-treasurer. To represent us in student council were Dave Westerman, Penny Faber, Russell Krenz, and Paula Stenger.

Even though we were new it didn't take us long to get started in the activities in which we later became stars. Lamar Brewbaker made the football varsity, and Al Loach was chosen for basketball varsity. High honors for freshmen! Others of us were interested in music, speech, and various organizations. So, as the freshman year ended, we were in the full swing of high school life.

A swim in the pond, a hike, a dance; then bang, our sophomore year was ready to go. We elected Betty Gehler, president; Russell Krenz, vice president; and Al Loach, secretary-treasurer. Added to the list of our student council representatives were Joe Brady and Jean Van Etten.

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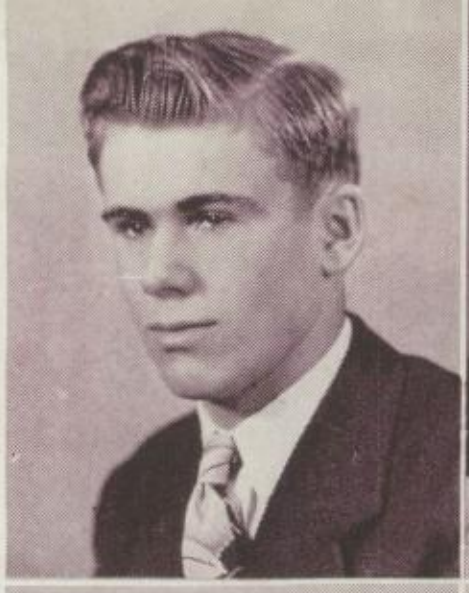

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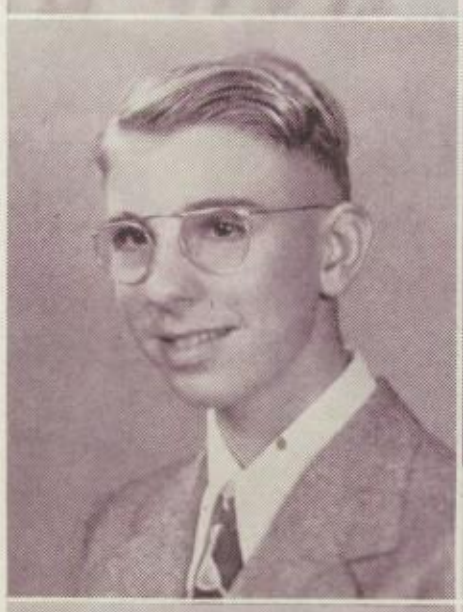

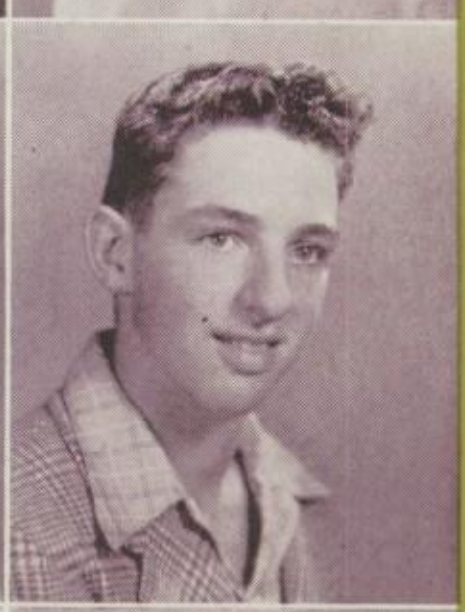

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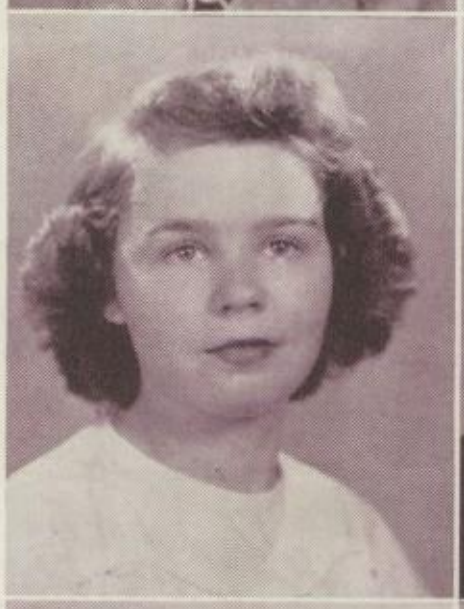

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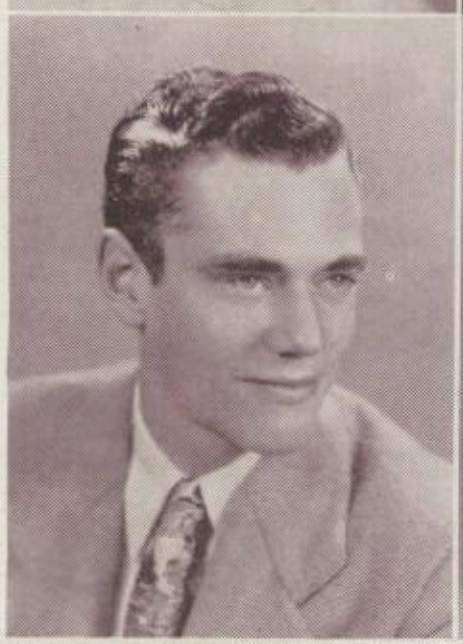

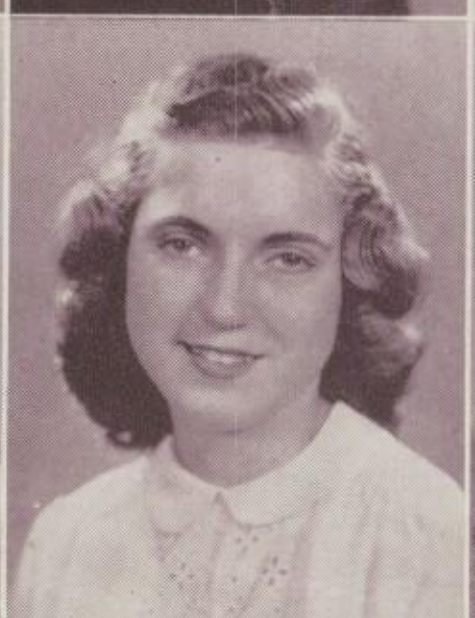

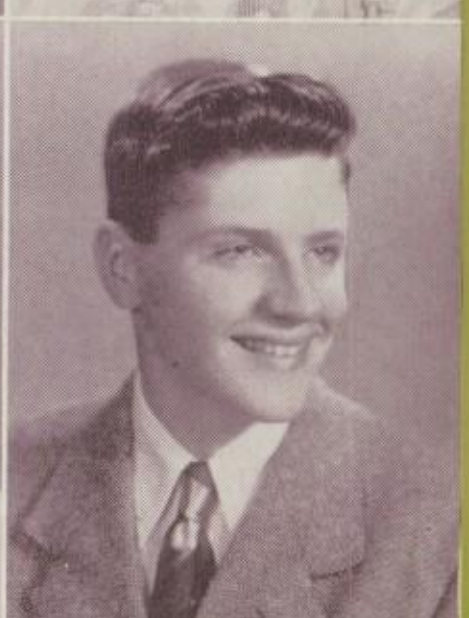

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WILLIAM KUEHL

DOLORES JONES
ALBERT LOACH

The Last Lap in High School . . .

As sophomores we were again active in all sports, activities, and organizations and won special recognition in several. Charlie Wilhelm was elected captain of the frosh-soph football and basketball teams. In debate, speech, and music we sophomores helped MHS win high contest ratings.

To lead our class in its* all-important junior year were Joe Brady, president; Penny Faber, vice president; and Barbara Sauer, secretary-treasurer. John Harris was elected to student council.

Emerging as music contestants and winners were juniors Joe Brady, Bob Cotton, John Jackson, the Magnusson twins, Ruth Rapp, Barbara Sauer, Paul Shanyfelt, Paula Stenger, Jim Van Meter, and Dorothy Wilhelm.

Thelma Watson made the debate varsity while Rosemary Gallagher, Lamar Brewbaker, Jean Van Etten, and Ruth Rapp were the second team.

SENIORS CAUGHT AT REHEARSAL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION "LOST HORIZON"

BEVERLY LUCAS

LOUISE MAGNUSSON

MARGUERITE MAGNUSSON

INA MANN

WAYNE MANN

ROBERT MICHAEL

MARJORIE MEYER

SHIRLEY MUNSON

JOHN McCONVILLE

CAROL McMAHON

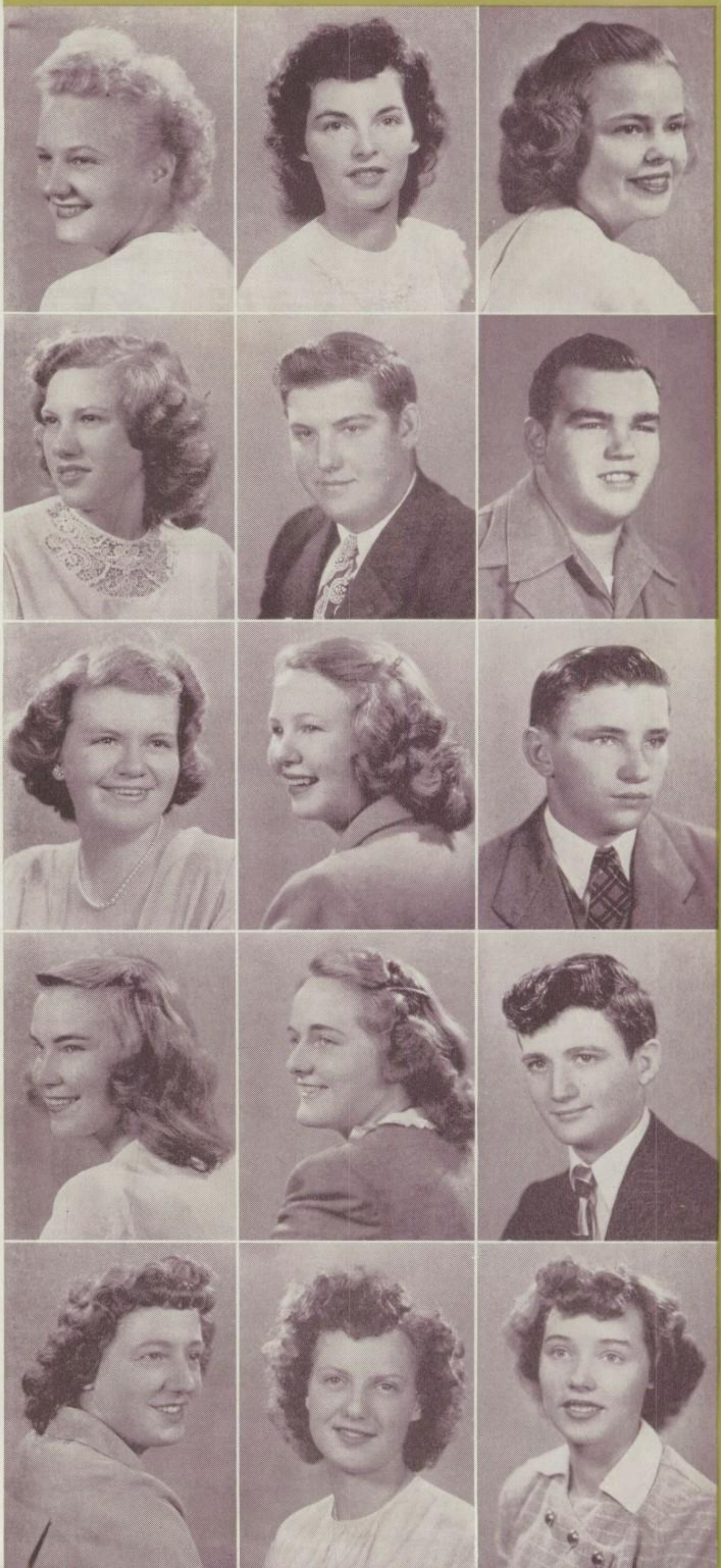
GLORIA ANN NELSON

FRANK NOVAK

HESTER NOWLIN

ALBERTA OLSEN

BETTY POHL



Major money-making activity of the senior class

A Journey of Learning

Paula Stenger went to State with her reading, as did Jim Hickok, Penny Faber, Lamar Brewbaker, John Jackson, Jerry Johnson, and Al Loach, members of the one act play cast of "Afraid of the Dark".

In sports, Lamar Brewbaker piled up 138 points in nine football games, Al Loach was high point man on the basketball varsity, and Dave Westerman, and Don Serup went to State in track.

The junior production, "January Thaw", a comedy, brought honors not only to the cast but to all the class members.

Climax of the year was the junior prom, our biggest class project. Jim Hickok was general chairman. All committees cooperated to put on the best prom ever.

Our last year started with lots of ideas on how we were going to better the school before we left.

John Jackson was elected president; Penny Faber, vice president; and Thelma Watson, secretary-treasurer. Lamar Brewbaker was elected to the student council.

Homecoming Queen Jean Van Etten rode with her attendants, Rosemary Gallagher and Eunice Hochstatter, on a beautifully decorated float.

This year's achievements of the Class of '48 are recorded in the pages of this book. Our accomplishments have been many and varied. We feel that we can be justly proud.

All the seniors worked like little demons trying to get the money for this year's annual. We put on a dramatic play, "Lost Horizon". We cut ice cream sandwiches and popped corn for the games until we could do it in our sleep. Our class also sold so many magazines the company considered putting our picture on its advertising folder. (Joke.) But Lee Hoffman did show that we had some senior names in the box by winning a radio.

So the senior year passes with our loves and disagreements. Now we regretfully look back at the wonderful times we had and hope that the future will be as much fun and success as our high school days.

ONNA PRESCOTT
AUL SHANYFELT

RUTH RAPP
JOYCE SPAULDING

NANCY REESER
DON SERUP

LOIS REMPFER
MARY GRACE SPENADER

BARBARA SAUER
DON SIBIGTROTH

PAULA STENGER

MARY CATHERINE STREMLAU

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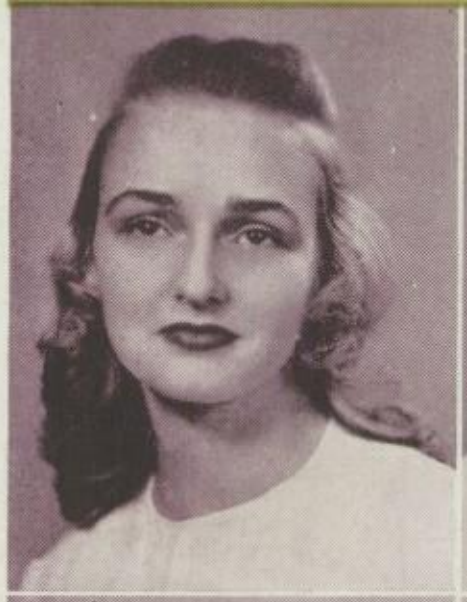

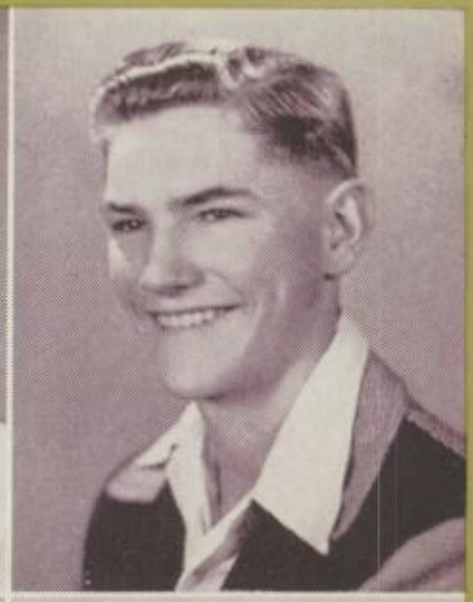

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JAMES VAN METER

MARION FAYE VINCENT

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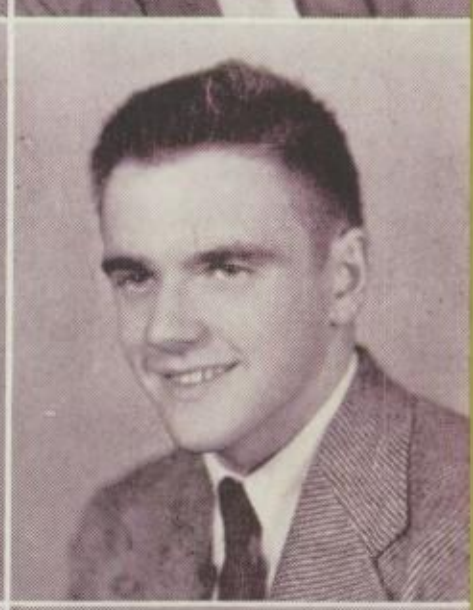

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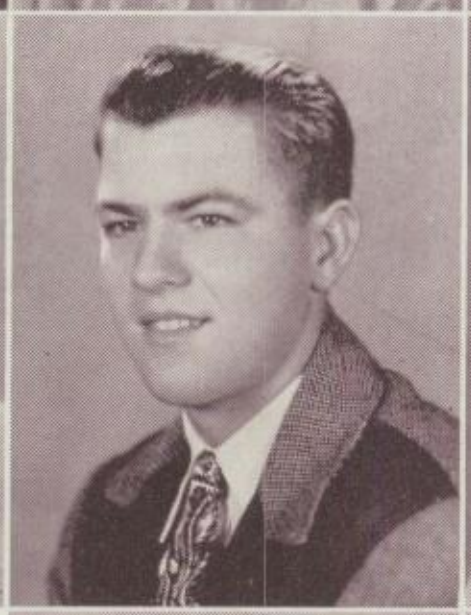

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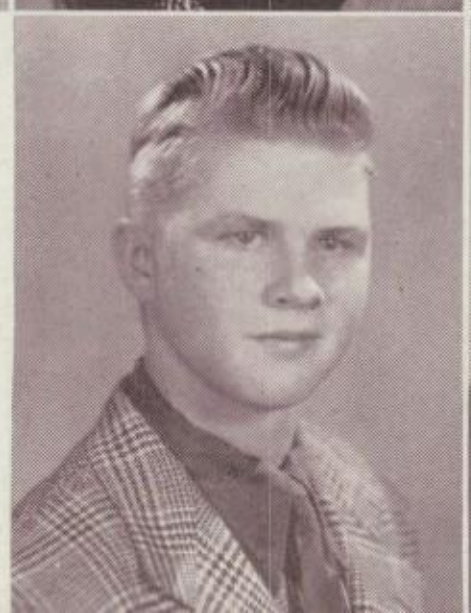

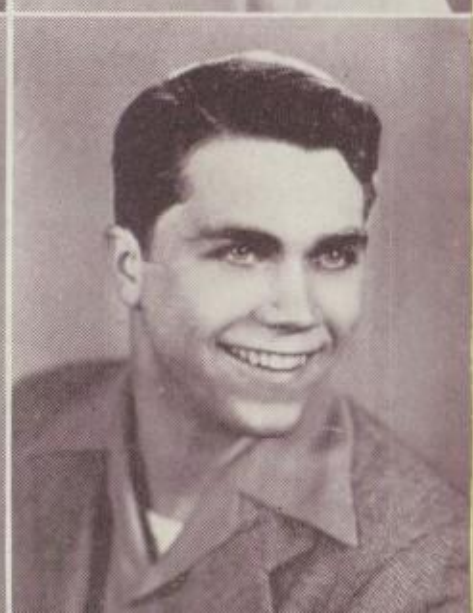

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West Brooklyn 1, 2, 3; Band 4; Instrumental Ensemble 4; Atodnem Typing & Finance Committee 4

VINCENT, VIOLET
West Brooklyn 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Typing & Finance Committee 4

WATSON, THELMA
Class Play 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Speech Contestant 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary Treasurer 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 2, 3; GAA 1; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Auditorium Committee 3; Atodnem Business Staff, Photography, Finance, & Copy Committee 4

WESTERMAN, DAVID
Class Play 3, 4; Debate 1, 2; Hi-Light Staff 4; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Sport Editor, Business Staff, Copy, Photography, & Finance Committee 4

WIDMER, JEAN
Cadets 2, 3; GAA 3, 4; FHA 4; Atodnem Typing & Finance Committee 4

WILHELM, CHARLES
Class Play Committee 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Captain 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Captain 2; Track 1, 2; Atodnem Finance Committee 4

WILHELM, DOROTHY
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Baton Twirler 1; Atodnem Finance Committee 4

YENERICH, STANLEY
Football 1, 2, 3, Varsity 3; FFA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance & Typing Committee 4

Atodnem Finance Committee

Sixth Row: B. Cotton, D. Sibigtroth, J. Edwards, J. Hickok, A. Loach, J. Van Meter, N. Dewey, E. Gehant, W. Mann, J. Harris, P. Shanyfelt.

Fifth Row: J. Spaulding, D. Wilhelm, B. Lucas, R. Gallagher, C. McMahon, M. Meyer, J. Van Etten, R. Henkel, P. Stenger, A. Olsen.

Fourth Row: B. Michael, D. Denault, B. Davis, S. Yenerich, J. Johnson, B. Ayers, J. Brady, C. Wilhelm, L. Hoffman, W. Frank, R. Taylor.

Third Row: D. Prescott, R. Rapp, L. Rempfer, M. Brown, B. Pohl, M. Durham, J. Widmer, M. C. Stremlau, P. Bunton, M. Magnusson, J. Hoover, G. Nelson, M. Vincent.

Second Row: R. Barr, M. Fitzgerald, D. Hansen, C. Rod, I. Mann, D. Jones, S. Munson, L. Edwards, B. Sauer, L. Magnusson, V. Vincent, N. Reeser.

First Row: E. Hochstatter, M. G. Spenader, D. Serup, D. Westerman, L. Brewbaker, P. Faber, Miss Breese, Miss Swanson, J. Jackson, T. Watson, B. Gehler, Mr. Mauntel.

The CLASS of 1949

HOME ROOMS

Adviser—Mr. Richmond

Top Row: V. Anderson, K. Galloway, G. Frost, E. Bassing, D. Fischer.

Second Row: M. Ashley, M. Carr, S. Booth, R. Brunner, D. Hartford, L. Durham, J. Fuller, B. Brown, M. Bowne, M. Ehlers, J. Henkel.

First Row: T. Fritz, D. Dinges, W. Hochstatter, N. Doermann, W. Budach, D. Carroll, J. Heiman, V. Gromann, Mr. Richmond.

Adviser—Mr. Morris

Top Row: L. Kramer, R. Mauntel, G. Karl, R. Holler, J. Noble, D. Pedersen, K. Holzner, C. O'Sadnick, R. Magnusson, Mr. Morris.

Second Row: O. Meyer, R. Losee, K. Jauch, J. Oester, W. Horn, M. Jauch, M. Olsen, D. Mathesius.

First Row: F. Joerger, D. Morsch, M. Myers, P. Meyer, D. Morris, J. Jackson, J. Massey, J. Laws.

Adviser—Miss Salzman

Top Row: J. Schwemlein, D. Truckenbrod, R. Politsch, J. Tower, K. Sterchi, R. Waller, Miss Salzman, M. Worsley, C. Vincent.

Second Row: D. Stevenson, M. Stevenson, M. Stein, R. Thompson, C. Simpson.

First Row: J. Schaller, G. Weiss, J. Schnuckel, L. Schaver, W. Ritter, R. Scott, D. Ryan, M. Worsley.

We're on Our Way . . . .

The class of '49 started their junior year within the portals of MHS with seventy-five members.

In September, the ballots were cast for their class officers. The competent leaders who were chosen were Janet Schaller, president; Joanne Oester, vice president; and Bob Holler, secretary-treasurer.

Bob Magnusson was chosen to join Bob Holler, Lester Kramer, Maralyn Ashley, Joan Massey, and Janet Schaller to represent their class in student council. Maralyn was elected vice president of this organization.

The juniors were in the spotlight in the field of sports this year as in their two previous years. Thirteen boys were active on the varsity team. They show promise of having a successful season in football again next year.

At the homecoming football game, Jo Ann Fuller had the honor of being chosen queen of the junior class. Joan Massey and Janet Schaller were elected to be her attendants.

Five junior boys played on the varsity basketball team and helped to make it a successful season. Juniors were also active in cross country and track.

Ronnie Losee was the varsity team manager and Bob Brunner was the junior varsity manager.

Jane Laws was chosen to be one of the varsity cheerleaders to give support to our team in athletic events.

The juniors participated in the music field, as well. Nineteen members of their class played instruments in the band. They took part in the instrumental ensembles, instrumental solos, girls' octet and chorus, boys' octet and chorus, and in the cadets. Shirley Booth led the band through their maneuvers during the football season. She also twirled during the basketball season and performed superbly at both.

Fifteen junior girls are members of the GAA this year. Janet Schaller is treasurer and is on the board along with Maralyn Ashley, Joanne Oester, Cynthia Simpson and Genevieve Weiss.

The Future Farmers of the junior class were Frank Joerger and Keith Sterchi. Keith was elected reporter of this organization.

Most of the officers of Future Homemakers this year were junior girls: Jane Laws, president; Dorothy Stevenson, vice president; Miriam Otterbach, treasurer; JoAnn Jackson, degree chairman; and Barbara Brown, scrapbook chairman.

The speech contestants from this class who came through the elimination contest were Nancy Doermann, Joanne Oester, Lester Kramer and Bob Holler. The juniors also presented their play, "The Apple of His Eye", in the spring, under the direction of Mr. Bryson.

Three of the four members of the varsity team in debate were juniors. These were Nancy Doermann, Lester Kramer, and Bob Waller. Joan Massey, Genevieve Weiss, Jane Laws and Bob Holler were also in debate work.

As the junior year came near to an end, the long awaited class rings arrived, and the juniors began making plans for the junior-senior prom. The chairmen of the prom committees were: Don Pedersen and Nancy Doermann, decorations; Jane Laws and Jo Ann Jackson, food; Nancy Yost, tables; Maralyn Ashley and Lester Kramer, entertainment.

The members of the class of '49 will always remember their junior year because of the fun they had and the accomplishments they made.

The CLASS of 1950

HOME ROOMS

Adviser—Mrs. Doenier

Top Row: J. Coonen, N. Blotch, N. Cummings, J. Finley, Mrs. Doenier, M. Ehlers, B. Brown, D. Didier, M. Goubeaux, J. Dunn,

Second Row: D. Bauer, L. Gray, R. Fitzsimmons, R. Du Bois, D. Gordon, T. Faber, W. Engelbrecht.

First Row: E. Austin, E. Eichorn, L. Botts, M. Bruck, S. Gorman, C. Amfahr, E. Bunnell.

Adviser—Mr. Doenier

Top Row: D. Momeny, G. Larson, E. Joerger, R. McConville, M. Jauch, Mr. Doenier, J. Keller, D. Marcum, M. Hoelzer, J. Nelson, N. Kettleborough.

Second Row: G. Leonard, W. Munson, D. Hitchins, R. Mealey, W. Haynes, D. Mahaffey, J. King, D. McConville.

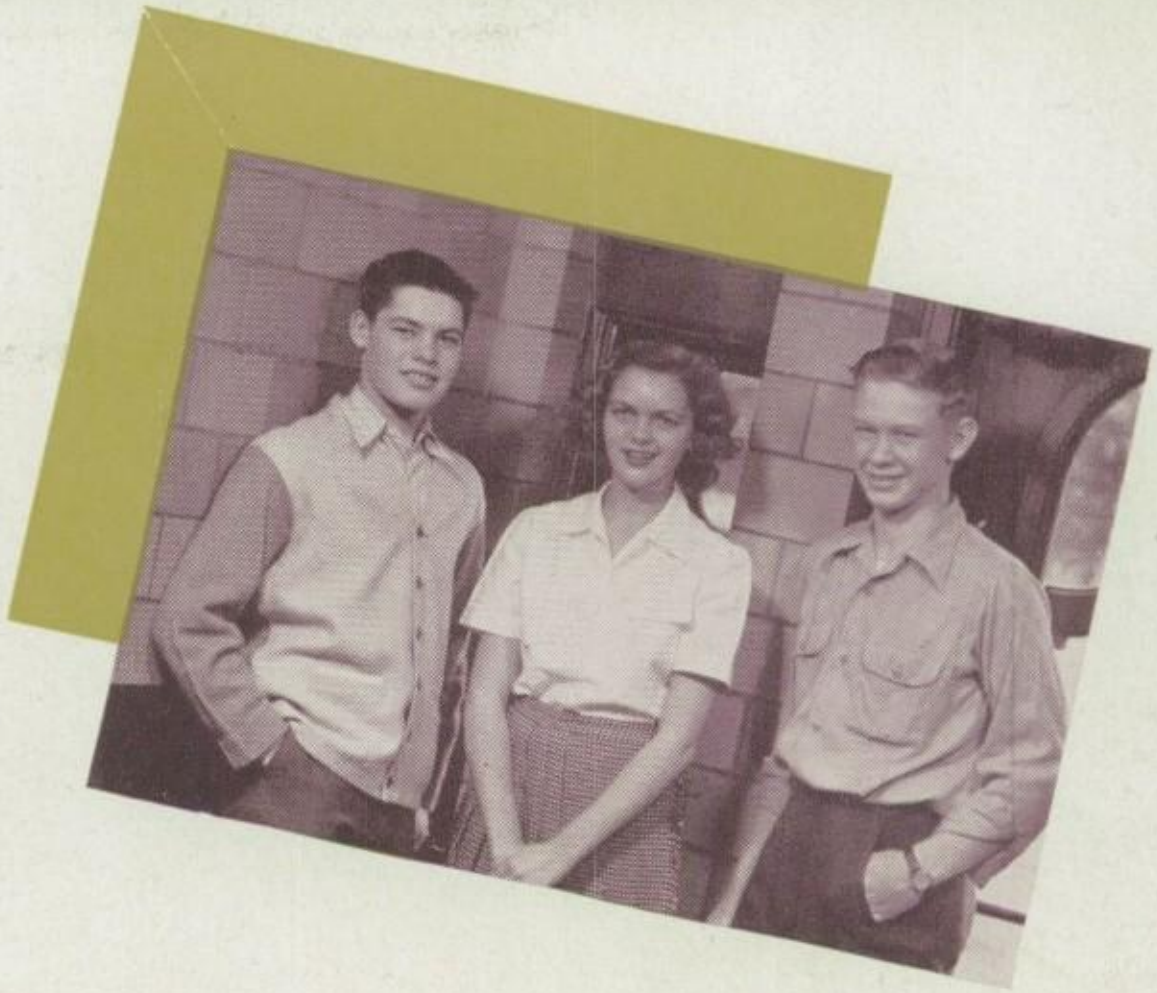
First Row: N. Mathesius, C. Mann, M. Johnson, L. Hoadley, P. Martin, M. Kreiser, B. Johnson, C. Hoffman.

Adviser—Mr. Bryson

Top Row: B. Rave, C. Pohl, D. Zimmerman, C. Van Etten, Mr. Bryson, W. Pedersen, B. Shoemaker, M. Whitmore, J. Shanyfelt.

Second Row: D. Worsley, C. Prescott, R. Roach, P. Smith, R. Walter, J. Truckenbrod, K. Piller, J. Rod, A. Wood.

First Row: L. Svendsen, E. Stein, B. Roach, D. Opsal, L. Wixom, M. Wagner, A. Rohs, D. Opsal.



Our Day Will Come . . . .

The '47-'48 school term began last September with seventy-two eager students answering the roll call as the sophomore class.

After getting off to a good start, La Vere Gray was elected to act capably as sophomore class president, with Marvin Ehlers filling the office of vice president, and Betty Rave to take care of pecuniary affairs as secretary-treasurer.

To the student council Carol Pohl was newly elected this year to help Walter Engelbrecht, George Leonard, Nancy Cummings, and Nancy Blotch in discussion of class affairs.

The sophomore class helped to swell their treasury by actively participating in the annual magazine sales, with Marvin Ehlers taking well-earned honors as high salesman this year. Another money-making project was the concession stand during football season, at which the "sophs" took their turn.

When each class elected a queen last fall at the close of the football season, the sweetheart of the sophomores proved to be pretty, petite, Lillian Svendsen. Her maids of honor were attractive Marie Kreiser and vivacious Betty Brown.

Nine of the girls went out for cadets, and added much to the fine half-time parades during the football season.

The sophomores seemed to be musically inclined and were well represented in the music department, not only in the band, but also in instrumental and vocal groups.

Betty Brown and Elsie Bunnell did such a fine job as freshman cheerleaders that they were elected again to keep up class pep and morale, and this was done with great enthusiasm.

Fifteen sophomore boys went out for football, with La Vere Gray as their captain. They showed fine athletic ability and sportsmanship. Not only in football, but in basketball and track as well, the sophomores made a fine showing. They show much promise for their remaining years at MHS.

The FFA attracted quite a number of the boys, and Jack Truckenbrod was elected vice president of the organization.

Also, this year found ten girls in the class interested in the FHA. They added their names to the ever growing membership of this fairly new organization of MHS.

At the beginning of the school term the class welcomed Dean Gordon, transfer from Princeton, and Alan Wood, from L-P. At the beginning of the second semester, two sophomores said goodbye to MHS, Effie Austin and George Leonard.

This year found Roger Du Bois, Bill Pedersen, and Carol Pohl out to defend their rights in debate. Carol was also a speech contestant along with Betty Rave and Bill Pedersen.

The class did well under the fine supervision of Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Doenier, and Mr. Le Marr.

The CLASS of 1951

HOME ROOMS

Miss Pottinger—Adviser

Third Row: J. Cogdal, G. Foote, R. Elsesser, R. Bunton, A. Crane, M. Emerick, Miss Pottinger, M. Dalton, M. Brewbaker, C. Bryson, D. Bauer, R. Childers.

Second Row: N. Cotton, L. Edwards, J. Barufe, J. Budach, M. Fox, R. Fitzgerald, L. Buettner, J. Auchstetter, J. Brunner, M. Gorman, B. Galloway.

First Row: B. Durand, F. Ethridge, J. Dougherty, G. Ehlers, D. Abbott, B. Edgcomb, D. Edgcomb, M. Didier, G. Delhotal.

Mr. Madden—Adviser

Third Row: G. Hochstatter, R. McIntyre, M. Jackson, D. Nelson, K. Morehouse, D. Newell, R. Parsons, N. Hoover, W. Kratz, D. Koerper, D. Mosher, Mr. Madden.

Second Row: P. Morehouse, B. Hall, D. Kofoid, J. Olsen, J. Klein, D. Kofoed, W. Mahar, R. Munson, M. Greenwood, J. Herbert, N. Kaufman, G. Novak.

First Row: L. McCollum, J. Halbmaier, G. Johnson, L. Lau, J. Harmon, H. Peasley, K. Nowlin, H. Phalen, T. Kessel, B. Ough, B. La Shonse, D. Kuehl.

Mr. Lewis—Adviser

Third Row: D. Simpson, B. Wilhelm, L. Truckenbrod, H. Schwemlein, P. Walzer, A. Reppin, R. Roach, A. Richard, D. Taylor, Jr. Worsley, Mr. Lewis.

Second Row: M. Zolper, D. Schlesinger, J. Reid, C. Roehm, B. Preston, M. Wolfe, M. Spanier, D. Wheelock, A. Rod, D. Thorne, E. Zinke.

First Row: C. Truckenbrod, A. Widmer, N. Wolfe, T. Ward, J. Sonntag, S. Yost, S. Radtke, B. Small, J. Schmidt, S. Schmitt, J. Shannon.

It Was All so Confusing . . . .

. . . . But We Caught on Fast!

In September, 1947, more than one hundred bright-eyed freshmen entered MHS.

Quickly they adapted themselves to the hum of school activities. Fighting freshman Trojans numbered around twenty on the football squad. When basketball season rolled around a large number of boys went out, and the freshman team and the Jay-Tee team had full schedules. Don Simpson was a very capable manager for the freshman squad. First year students also participated in the cross country.

Marna Brewbaker offered her lusty lungs to the frosh-soph cheerleading squad. Her pep and enthusiasm cheered the team on to many victories. A large number of girls marched as cadets during football season.

Ruth Bunton was elected freshman homecoming queen and rode in a cleverly decorated float with her attendants, Ruth Ann Munson and Shirley Radtke.

Not to be outdone by the upper classmen, the freshies went into the field of music. Many participated in the band and girls' chorus while others were in the boys' octet, brass quartet, instrumental ensemble, or were vocal soloists. It looks as if there might be a bright future in store for these lads and lassies in music. Who knows: Maybe a Bach or a Crosby!

The talent in this class just doesn't seem to be limited! Marna Brewbaker, the sole freshman speech contestant, survived the elimination contest and did her class credit. Meanwhile Thais Ward went out to make the debate team.

Not only the boys, but ever so many of the girls in this class are athletically inclined. A large number braved the initiation and were admitted into GAA this year. These lanky, energetic girls gave the other members quite a struggle in the class tournaments. Carole Truckenbrod was chosen as the freshman representative to the board.

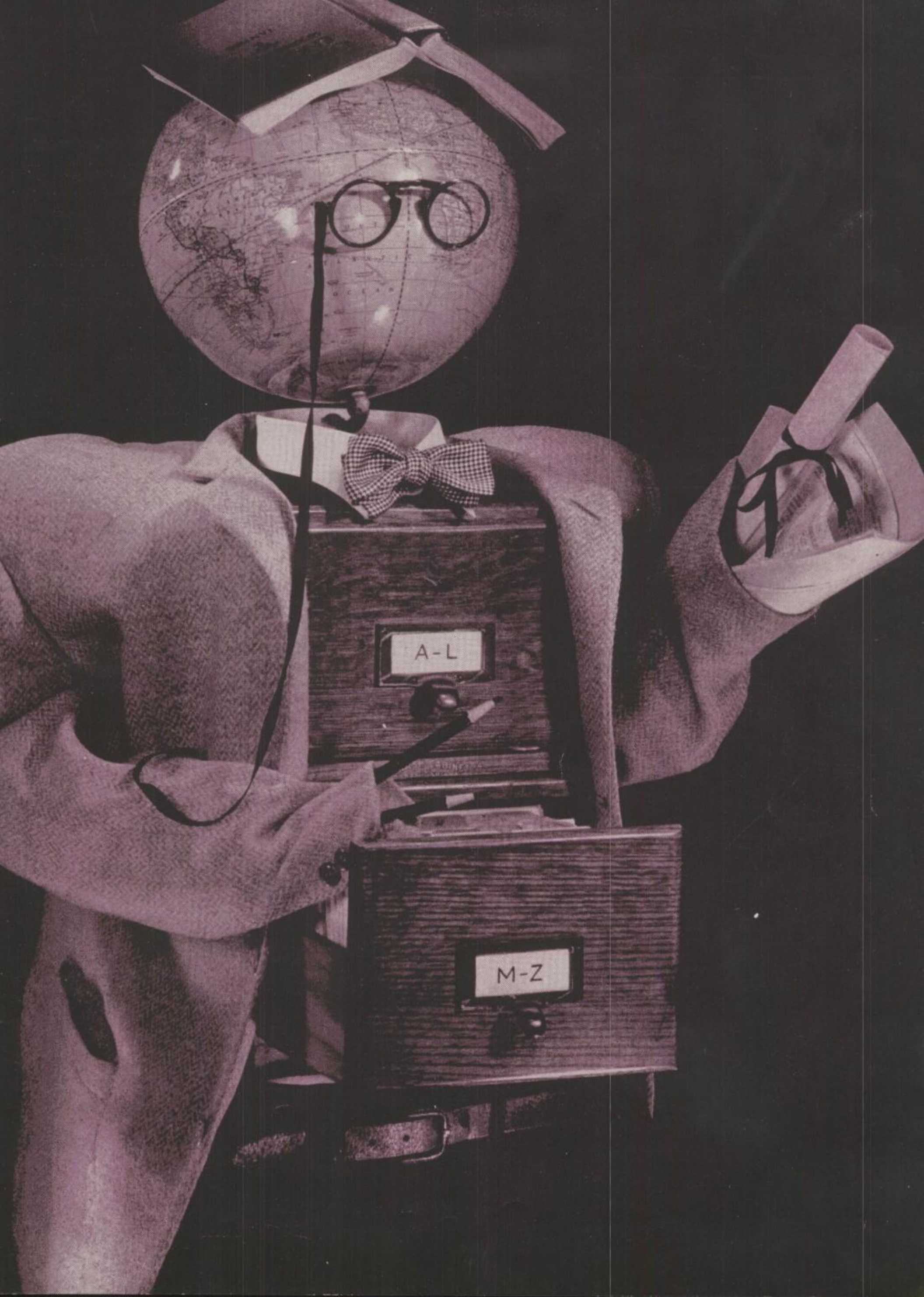
Ten freshman girls joined the FHA while a number of the boys took an active interest in the FFA.

Although the annual freshman party was held at a later date than usual, a wonderful evening was had by all.

Busy with the class of '51 were the officers: Suzann Schmitt, president; Beverly Preston, vice president; and Carol Roehm, secretary-treasurer. Jean Ann Herbert, Carol Roehm, Melvin Jackson, and Henry Peasley were elected to represent their class in the student council.

The sponsors of this group, who deserve a great deal of credit, were Miss Pottinger, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Lewis.

ADMINISTRATION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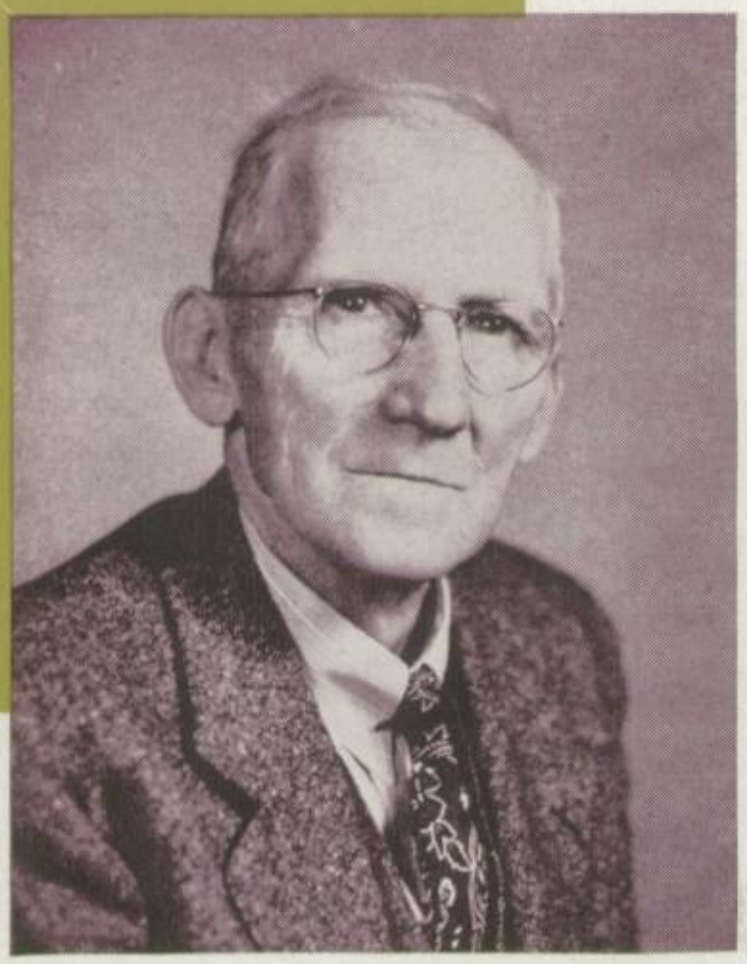
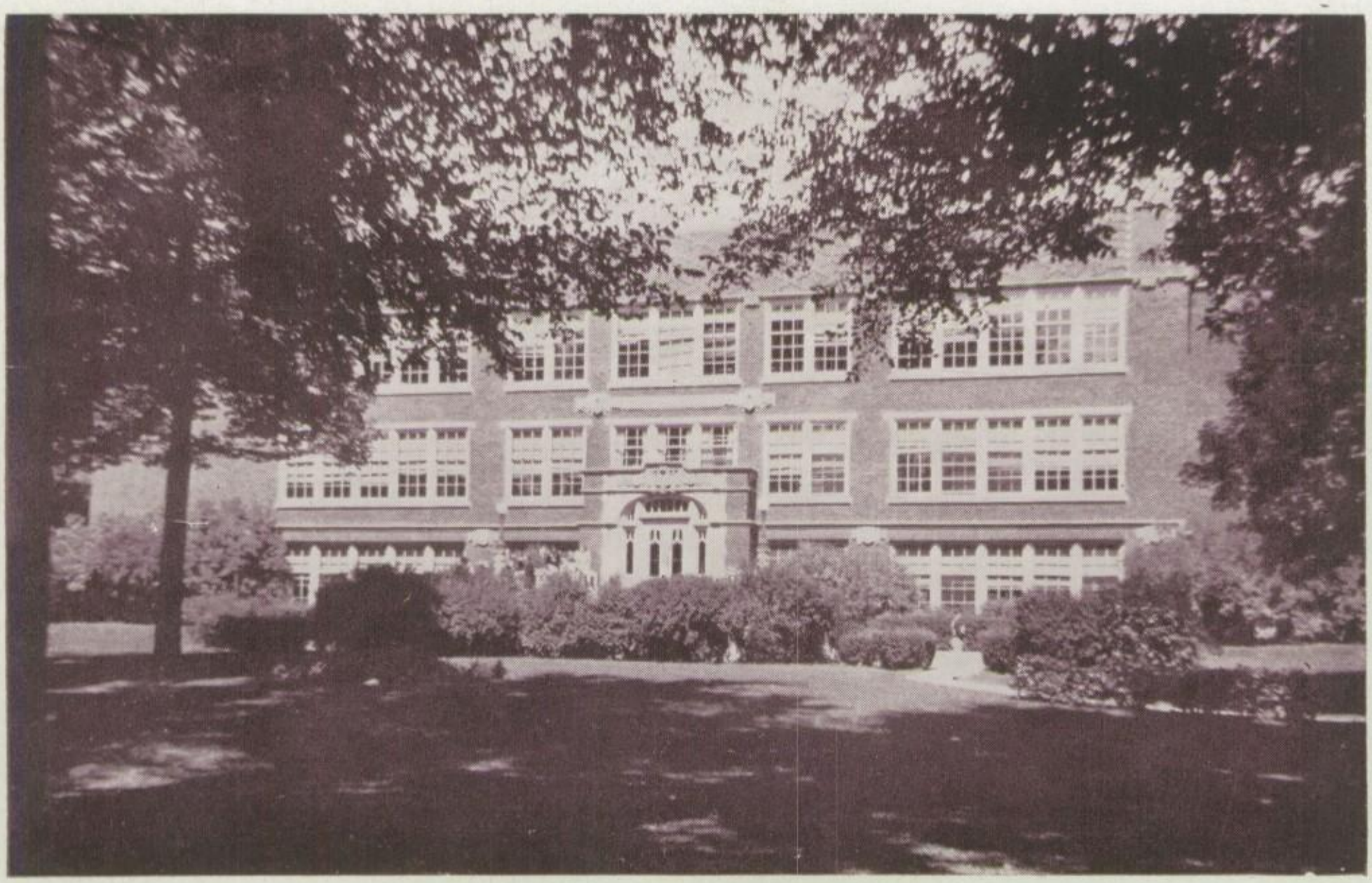


A TRIBUTE TO
BERNARD KATZWINKEL

A member of the school board since 1915, and deeply loved and respected by the students and community. Retiring this year after thirty-three years of loyal and devoted service, he will be greatly missed by both his colleagues on the board and the school. It is fitting, therefore, that we should at this time express our gratitude and thanks to him.

A picture of MHS appears on this page because we sometimes take our beautiful school and campus for granted, not realizing the work and careful planning someone has done for our benefit. Mr. Katzwinkel, in addition to other duties on the board, has for many years acted as chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds. Has he given us something to shout about? Just take a look at our school!

Our Appreciation to the Mem



Harold Dean
President

B. Harry Reck
Secretary

Lawrence Watson

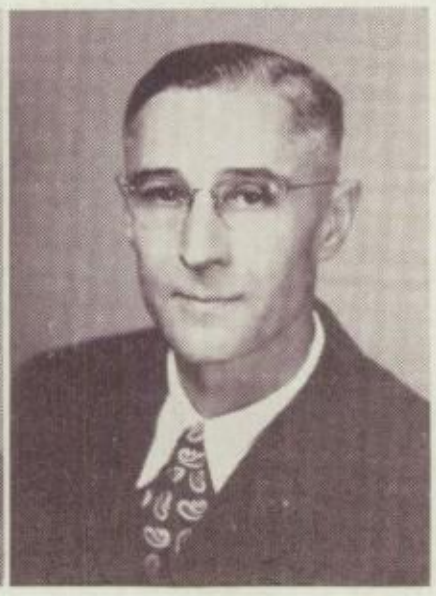
James Dubbs

Behind the Scenes at MHS

For their determination to make our school "tops" in the state;
For their unfailing efforts in providing efficient instructors to guide us in our work;
For keeping our campus and building looking beautiful the whole year around;
And, especially, for their interest in our progress and pride in our achievements.

Harold Goebel

Alvin Truckenbrod



BOARD OF EDUCATION

On its working relationship with the administrator, teachers, pupils, and community, the school depends.

M. E. STEELE
Principal

FACULTY AND

Our Teachers Are People

Believe it or not! This amazing fact has been discovered at MHS in the school months of "47" and "48". This was discovered by the students and not by Ripley and is here being released for publication for the first time.

In this school year there has been a closer and more intimate understanding between the faculty and students. The duties of the faculty weren't entirely devoted to assignments, tests, and homework. In the long hours spent on extra-curricular activities, for instance, a student often gets to know the teacher as a person and to see him out of the classroom situation.

The teachers joined in the assembly programs with the students to produce some fine performances. The faculty men participated in two hilarious benefit games, one with the all-girl team, the Redheads, and the other, the annual Old-Timers game. One of the most enjoyable events of the year was the assembly the faculty put on as a pep session before the Princeton game. It was a skit of a mock funeral for the Princeton squad, with Owen Madden giving the oration (all apologies to Mark Anthony). An effigy of the opponent was carried to the stage by four of the faculty "muscle men" in a — and you'll pardon the expression — refrigerator box. Dressed in appropriate gowns of black, the entire faculty mourned the terrible loss. Every member of the faculty took part in this serious affair and played the parts wonderfully. They kept the student body in laughs all the way through and it will always be an occasion that the graduating class will look back to with fond memories.

Mr. Bryson added a touch of the Service to study hall with his Army slang such as "knock it off". Many of the faculty members that were in the Service entertained their classes with first hand information on the war. Mr. Mauntel related quite a few of his experiences to the U.S. History classes while Mr. Morris thrilled the agriculture students with his tales. Coach Lewis also brought back his little bit from the Service — Army calisthenics. The teachers' humor in class and their ability to take a joke, even if it is on them: All these things add up to the fact that teachers are really human and are people, just like us after all. It is these things that all seniors will remember after graduation besides the knowledge that the teachers have imparted to them. They will recall not only what they have taught but their personalities as well. MHS has one of the finest school systems and faculties in the state.

One must find time to give Miss Payne and Mr. Mauntel credit for their reduction of absenteeism and their fine jobs as deans. The students appreciate the counseling and guidance given them by these two faculty members. Mr. Steele, our efficient principal, must be congratulated for his fine job in improving MHS in the "47" and "48" school year.

ADMINISTRATION

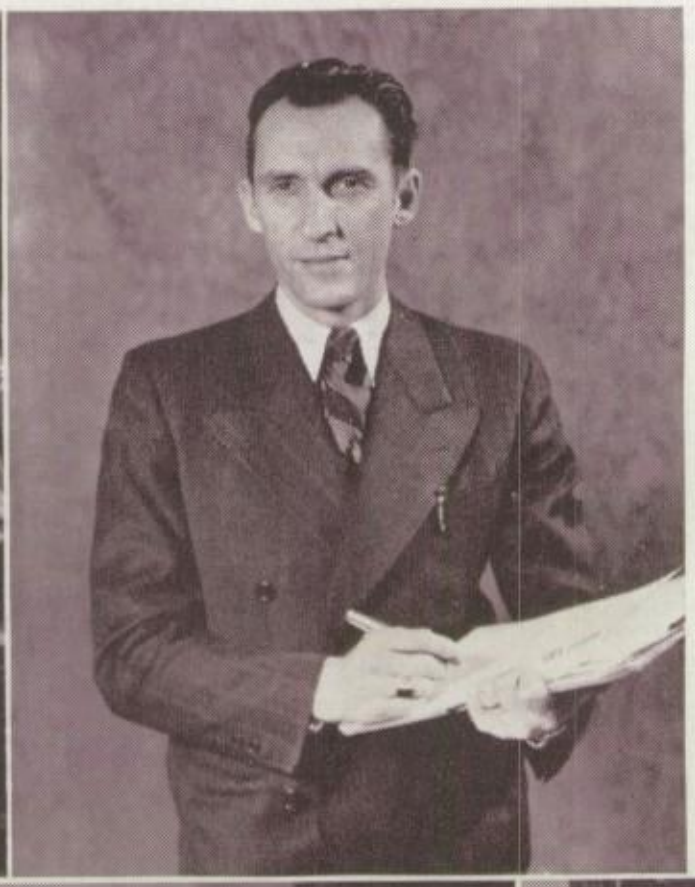
HARRY W. MAUNTEL
Assistant Principal
Dean of Boys
U. S. History
Senior Adviser

HAZEL PAYNE
Dean of Girls
English III, IV
Guidance

MRS. RICHMOND
Secretary

LAURA THEURER
Secretary

"Quiet, Please!



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English II
Journalism
Adv. Speech
Hi-Light Adviser
Sophomore Adviser

LLOYD DOENIER
Biology
Director of Athletics
Boys' Phys. Ed.
Coach
Sophomore Adviser

KENNETH BRYSON
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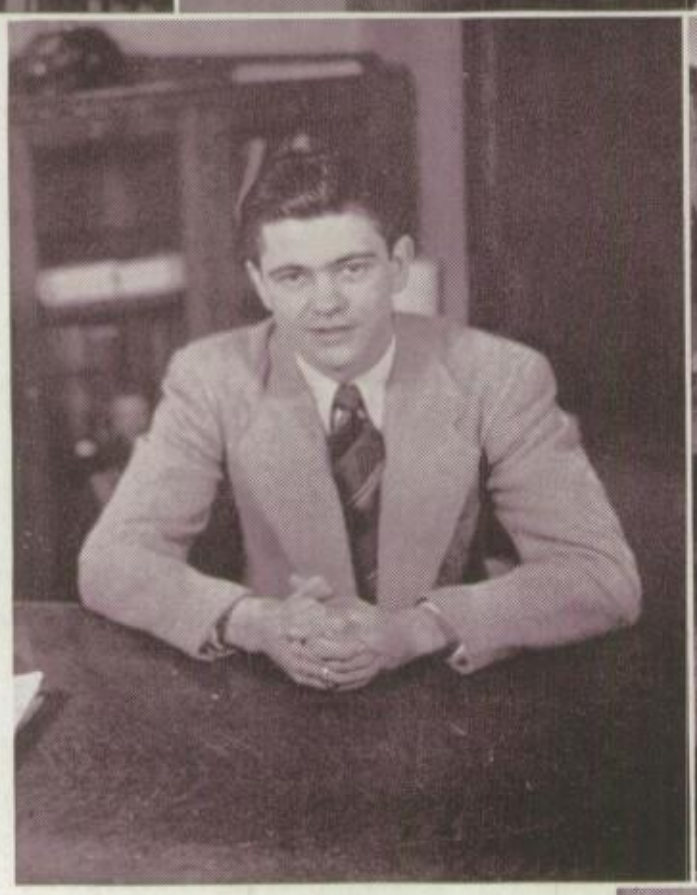
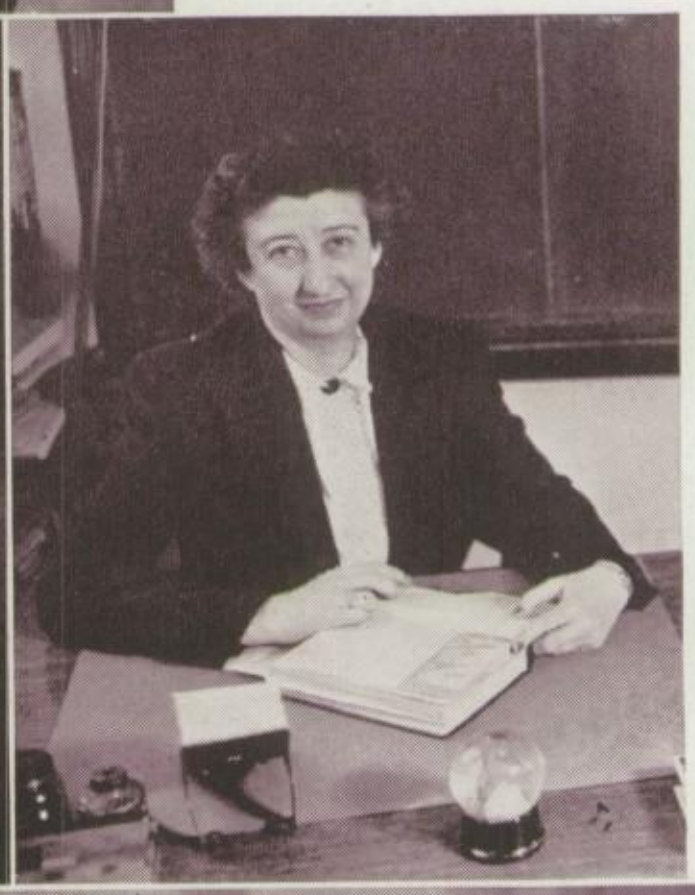
World History
Debate, Speech &
Dramatics Coach
Sophomore Adviser





EULALIA BREESE
Latin I, II
English I
Senior Adviser
Atodnem Adviser

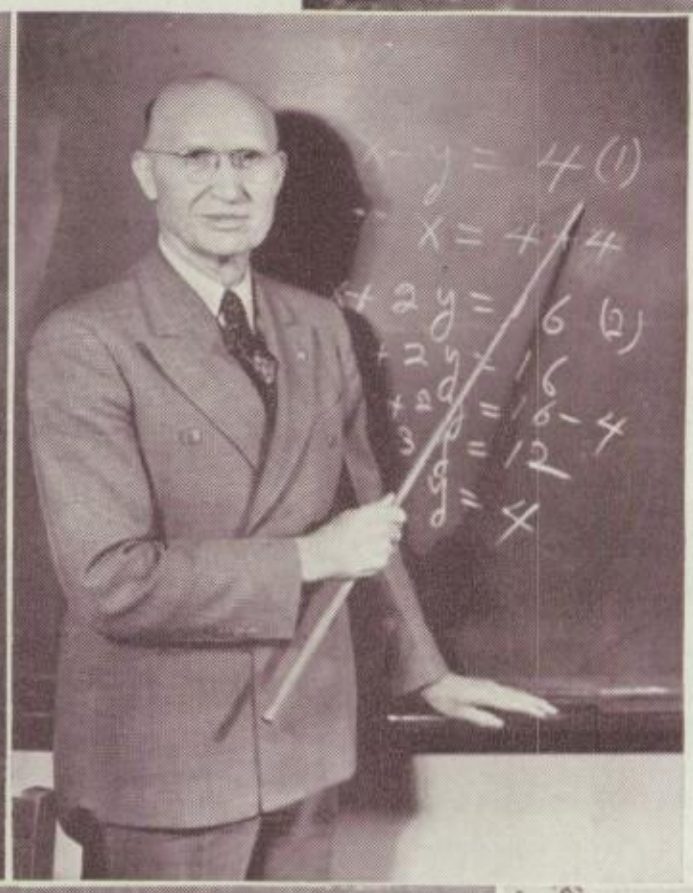
MARYLAND POPE
School Nurse
Red Cross

WILLIAM C. PIERCE
Music Director

The Bell has Rung!"

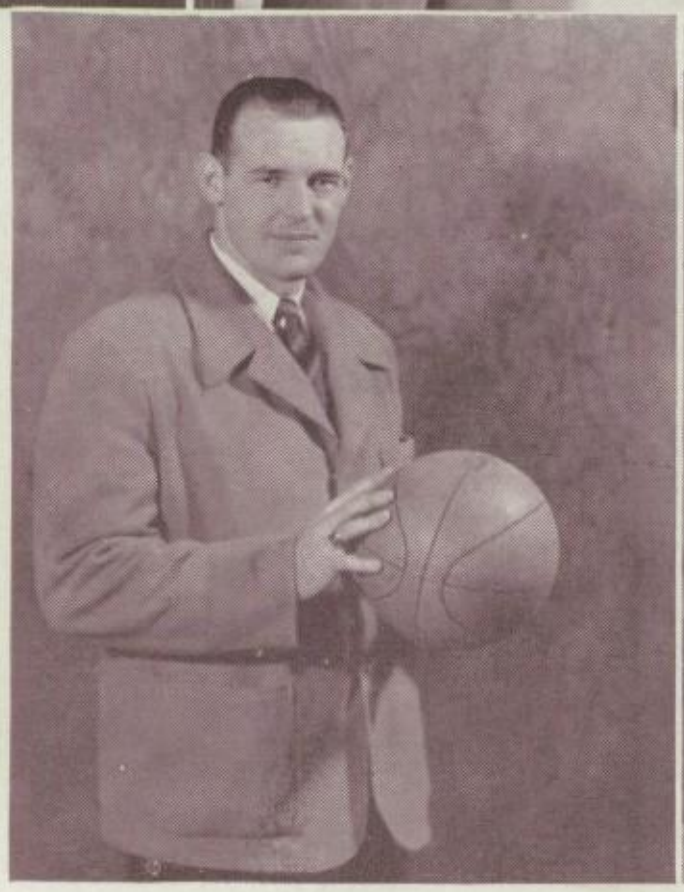
SAMUEL RICHMOND
Physics
Chemistry
Algebra II
Visual Aid
Junior Adviser

ALICE POTTINGER
Practical Math — Com. Arithmetic
English I — Social Science
Freshman Adviser



MARY E. TRAINOR
Girls' Phys. Ed.
GAA Adviser

SAMUEL E. LE MARR
Algebra I
Plane Geometry
Athletic Equipment



TED LEWIS
General Science
Boys' Phys. Ed.
Coach
Freshman Adviser

CONNIE DOERMANN
Art

"Any Questions?"

HIRREL SWANSON
English II
Bookkeeping
Office Practice
Business Training
Senior Adviser
Atodnem Adviser

MABEL BROWN
Tvping I, II
Shorthand I, II
School Treasurer

DAISY G. SALZMAN
Home Economics
Junior Adviser
FHA Adviser

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FFA Adviser
Freshman Basketball
Junior Adviser

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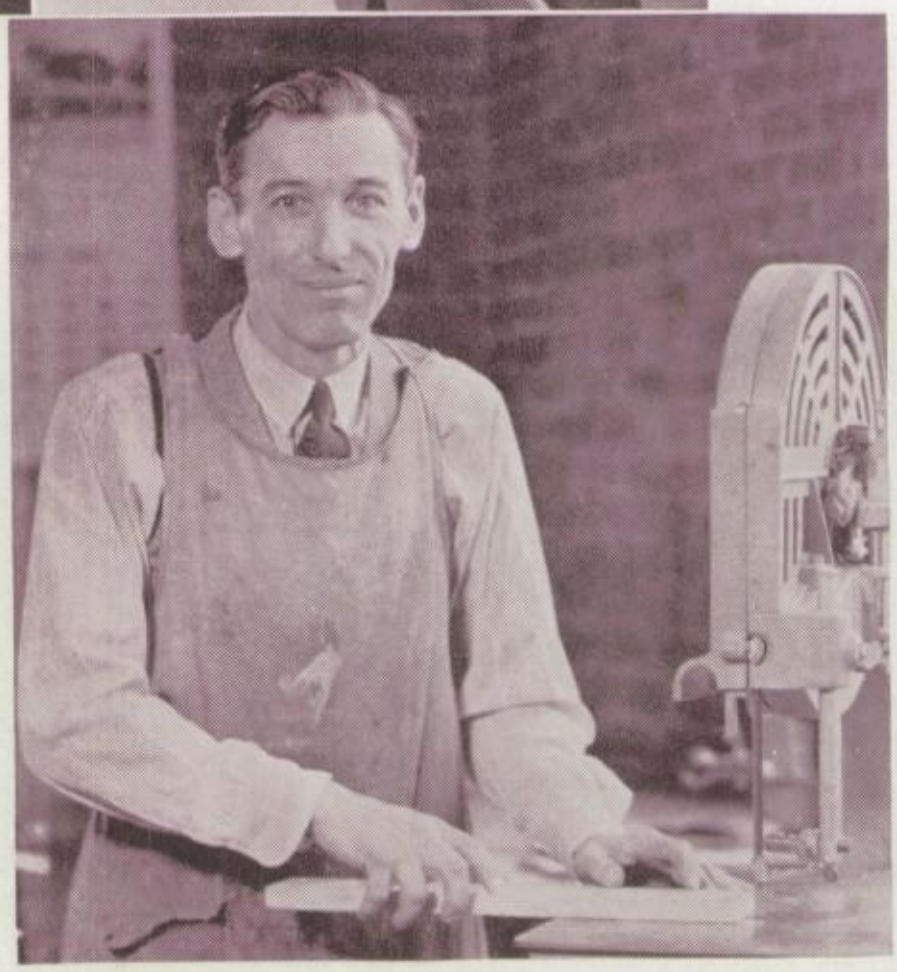
Bus Manager



GILBERT GEHLER
Manual Training — Mechanical Drawing

Religious Education

Spiritual Guidance
Character Development

The religious education classes were again held every Tuesday under the capable supervision of our local priests and ministers. Besides the regular classroom work a few movies were also shown to the groups. The groups and their instructors are as follows: Monsignor L. J. Wissing, Catholic juniors and seniors; Rev. W. E. Hare, Five Church Group juniors and seniors; Mrs. J. E. Schaller, Lutheran freshman and sophomore boys; Rev. G. H. Doermann, Lutheran juniors and seniors; Rev. W. A. Giese, Five Church Group freshmen; Mrs. Watson Bartlett, Lutheran freshman and sophomore girls; Rev. Truman Potter, Five Church Group sophomores; and Rev. Hettinger, Catholic freshmen and sophomores.

Calendar of Events

FHA Mother and Daughter Tea ..... Sept. 24
Senior Photos Taken ..... Oct. 6
District Cross Country Meet At Ottawa .. Nov. 1
North Central Music Festival at Dixon .. Nov. 21
Lost Horizon—senior play ..... Nov. 25
Debate Tournament at DeKalb ..... Dec. 6
FFA Banquet ..... Dec. 11
Red Head vs. Faculty ..... Jan. 20
Lorin Campbell (program) ..... Jan. 23
Heart Sister Banquet ..... Feb. 12
Johnson (Lincoln program) ..... Feb. 13
Edgar C. Rain—Alaska (program) ..... Feb. 23
Faculty vs. Old Timers ..... Feb. 24
District Speech Contest ..... Feb. 28
Donkey Basketball Game ..... March 1
Mr. Ramsdown (musical program) ..... March 4
N. C. I. C. Drama Festival ..... March 6
G.A.A. Play Day—Sterling ..... March 13
John Sloan—Liquid Air (program) ..... March 22
District Music Contest (solo) ..... April 3
George Campbell—song leader (program) April 6
District Music Contest (organization) ..... April 12
Deep River Quartet (program) ..... April 16
State Speech Contest ..... April 17
Senior Spring Frolic ..... April 20
Courageous Mr. Penn (movie program) .... April 23
All School Party ..... April 30
State Music Contest ..... April 30-May 1
Apple of His Eye—Jr. play ..... May 4
High School Band Concert ..... May 14
State Track Meet ..... May 14
Duke of West Point (movie) ..... May 19
D. O. Banquet ..... May 20
Conf. Track Meet ..... May 28
Golf—Tennis Conf. Meet ..... May 29
Baccalaureate ..... May 30
Prom ..... June 2
Commencement ..... June 3

Our Staff

- Efficiency
- Dependability
- Ingenuity

These three words sum up very well our definition of the staff. Through their hard work and co-operation MHS is kept the smooth-running place it appears.

CUSTODIANS
Mr. Brown, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bohy

COOKS
Mrs. Hansen
Mrs. Kehm
Mrs. Truckenbrod
Mrs. Holdren

BUS DRIVERS
F. Christman
N. Neighbor
M. Lambert
J. Edwards
J. O. Madden, Mgr.

Not pictured:
J. E. Boisdorf
Andrew Frey

MHS Comes to Life

Too often neglected is the very core of our system of education: the classroom.

In class room and laboratory the students absorb facts, learn methods and develop creative intelligence.

We have in the following pages recorded the watching, listening, and learning in the classrooms of MHS.

7 O'CLOCK
ALL'S WELL

8 O'CLOCK
PELL MELL

9 O'CLOCK
BUSY AS THE DICKENS

We Prepare for

The hammering and the odor of varnish and paint which sometimes penetrate to the upper floors of MHS all come from the manual training room which is watched over by Mr. Gehler. The boys in this class build many things, both for themselves and for the school. They did a fine job in making scenery and props for both of the class plays and the one act plays. With all of this training we should have quite a few good carpenters in the community in several years.

The social science department, consisting of social science studies, world history, economics, and United States history, contribute a great deal to the all around education of the student.

Since knowledge of the history of one's country is essential in developing a good citizen, every senior at MHS is required to study it. Perhaps it is grueling at times, but Mr. Mauntel, the instructor in U. S. History, livens things up with some interesting tales. The social problems course helps to make the boys and girls better citizens of tomorrow and insures better living with their neighbors.

Everyone is familiar with English classes. Some enjoy the study of grammar while others like to study literature. Freshmen recall the adventures of "Ivanhoe", sophomores reflect back on "The Tale of Two Cities", juniors studied all of America's best literature, and those who elected English IV remember Shakespeare's "Macbeth". In retrospect, everyone remembers nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. How could you forget?

Did you know that over sixty per cent of English words can be traced to those used around ancient Rome? The Latin I and II students are learning, or rather, supposed to be learning fast. In Latin I you read nice little, short stories; however in Latin II you advance to more difficult reading from Caesar. Latin students: "Beware the Ides of March." If you haven't learned to conjugate a verb or decline a noun by that time, then you had probably better start over or else choose some other subject.

Tomorrow . . . .

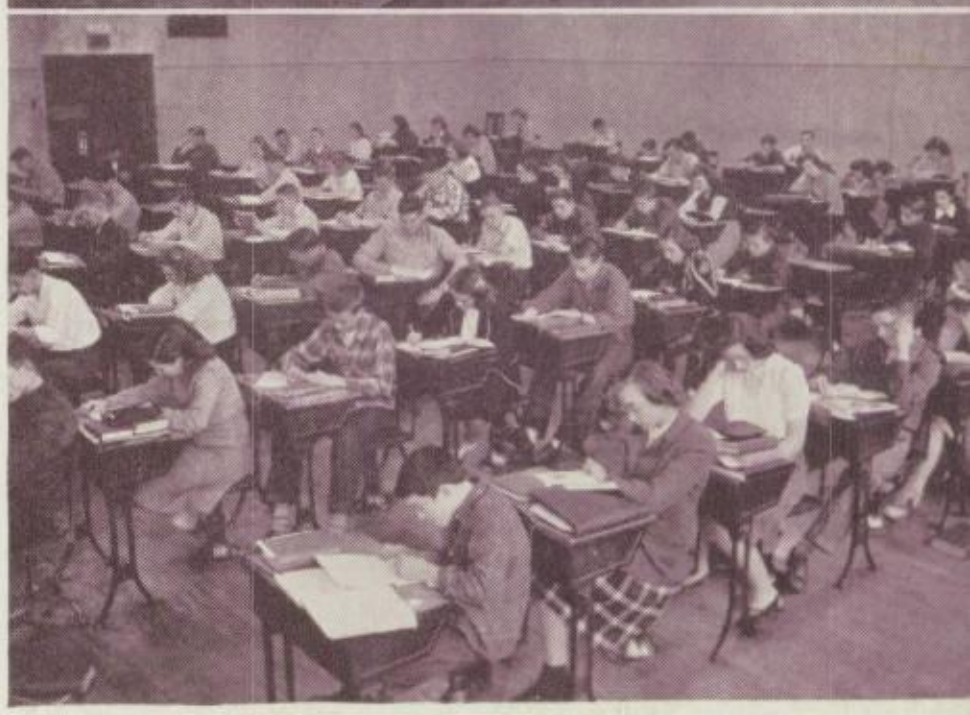
Mendota High School's commercial department is excellent training for future presidents and secretaries. The typing room is open very early and stays open quite late. It is filled with students who type a line, mutter under their breath, and insert two new sheets of paper. If you're going to be a secretary, then typing is only the first step. Shorthand comes next and is also useful in writing notes to buddies in class. Shorthand students study characters the first year, shorthand characters that is, and then advance to dictation studies.

Office practice gives the finishing touches to a would-be stenographer. Through this class, students learn to operate any machine they might meet in an office. You can't overlook the course in bookkeeping that makes tidy wives and husbands out of the sloppiest people and is used in all business offices. Then, too, there is business arithmetic that is subject free from algebra, geometry or any higher math. That's about all—and after all this the graduates are sent out to shift and punch (on a typewriter) for themselves.

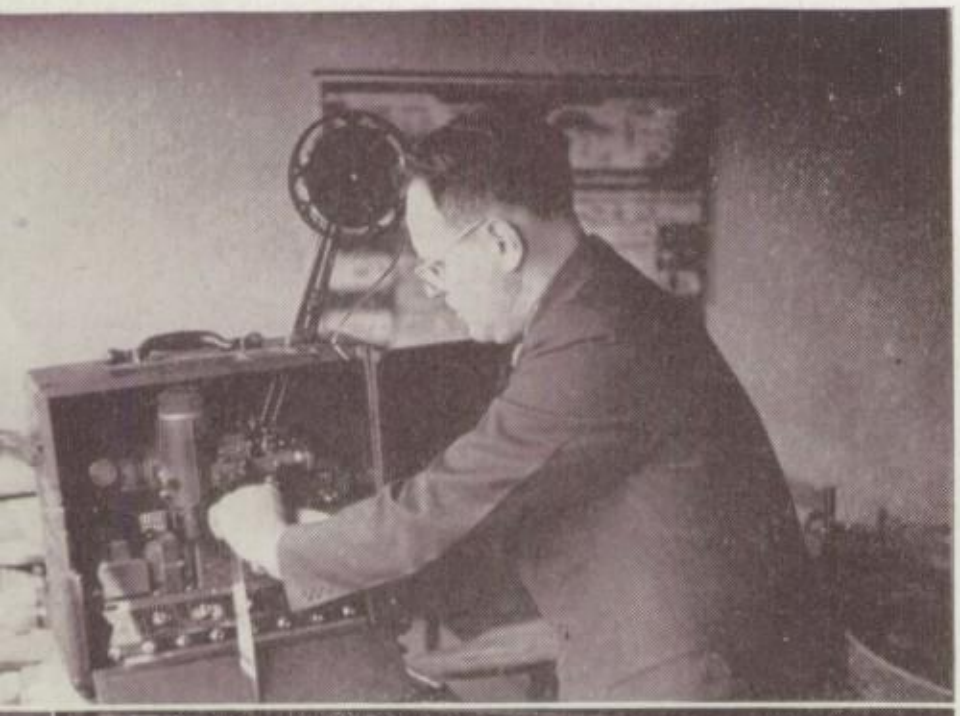
The art classes had a new teacher this year, Miss Doermann, and progressed greatly under her supervision. The various forms of painting, oil, water colors, etc. were studied. They also helped by making posters for many of the events of the school year.

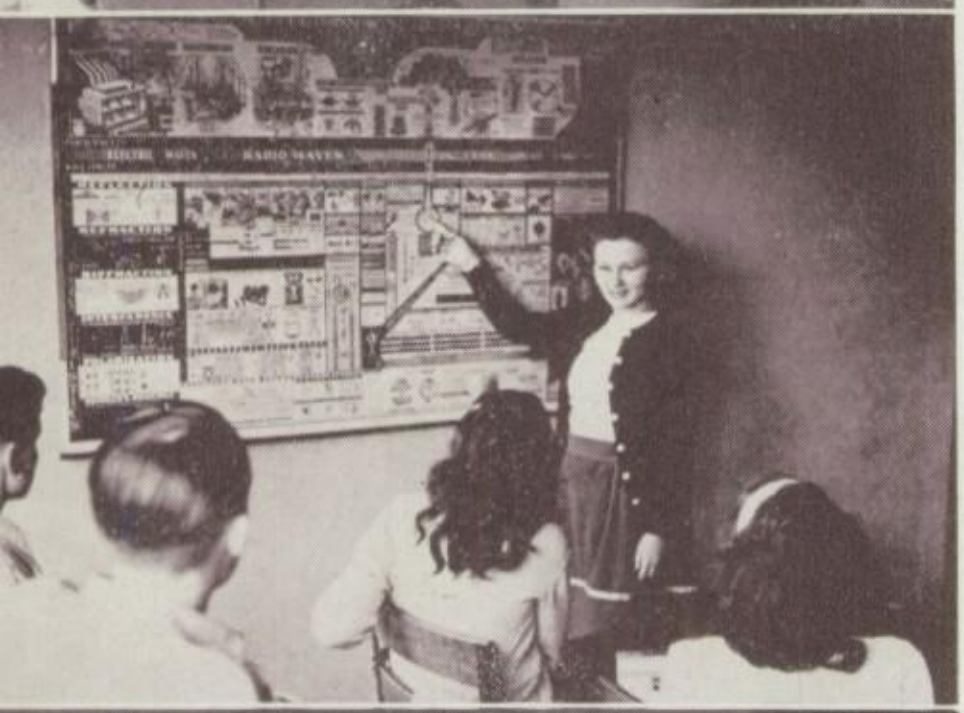
Right next door to study hall is the library, carefully watched over by Mrs. Doenier. Many new books, both fiction and reference, have been added during the past year and our library is becoming quite complete. Material for any subject needed by the students can be found here. The new card catalog helped make this job much simpler—gift of the class of '47.

Room 13 is one of the busiest places in the school and also one of the quietest. Students can be seen there any period of the day, industriously studying for that test that comes next period or just catching up on the reading. No matter what they are doing, no one is idle, at least not for long. The study hall teachers see to that.



We Learn through





Visual education is one of the newer additions to our educational program, but it has progressed greatly during the last few years. The subjects of the films shown this year varied greatly, from square dancing for the girls' physical education classes to the construction and operation of the cathode ray tube for the physics class. Mr. Richmond was in charge of the equipment and ordering the films requested by the various departments. He very capably supervised the running of the projector, with the help of some of the boys in his classes.

The physics and chemistry classes, under the expert guidance of Mr. Richmond, managed to pull through unscathed this year. In physics the various simple machines and combinations of these were studied. Electricity, magnetism, and various other practical and mechanical subjects were delved into.

The study of chemistry has opened the students' eyes to the wonders of chemistry and the universe, and as school closes they will leave this class with tears streaming down their faces. Whether these are from sorrow or the chlorine gas they manufacture in chemistry class they won't say.

Biology can't go unmentioned. What sophomore can forget the dissecting of frogs and crawfish in Mr. Doenier's room?

Every freshman in general science under the direction of Mr. Lewis emerges with a complete knowledge of the operation of an automobile not to mention various simple tools.

What is more tempting to a young man than a well-dressed young woman seated across from him at a well-appointed table laden with a delicious and attractively prepared meal? The girls in MHS home economics classes are learning just those important things. They also studied about marriage and divorce and considered the sort of partner they would want sitting across the table and appreciating their domestic talents.

But food isn't all important in home ec class. The girls progressed rapidly in clothing class, although some of their first garments were a little difficult. They learned elementary sewing and a few of the more difficult stitches.

It is ten to twelve and study hall begins the mad rush to the cafeteria. The patter of tiny feet, size 8 and 15, go echoing down the corridors. Mr. Madden tries to keep a single line until the second rush comes at two minutes to twelve and the final rush at twelve o'clock. The cafeteria is the hang-out at noon, except, of course, for the boys or girls who may be playing basketball in the gym. Sometimes it is only a couple you

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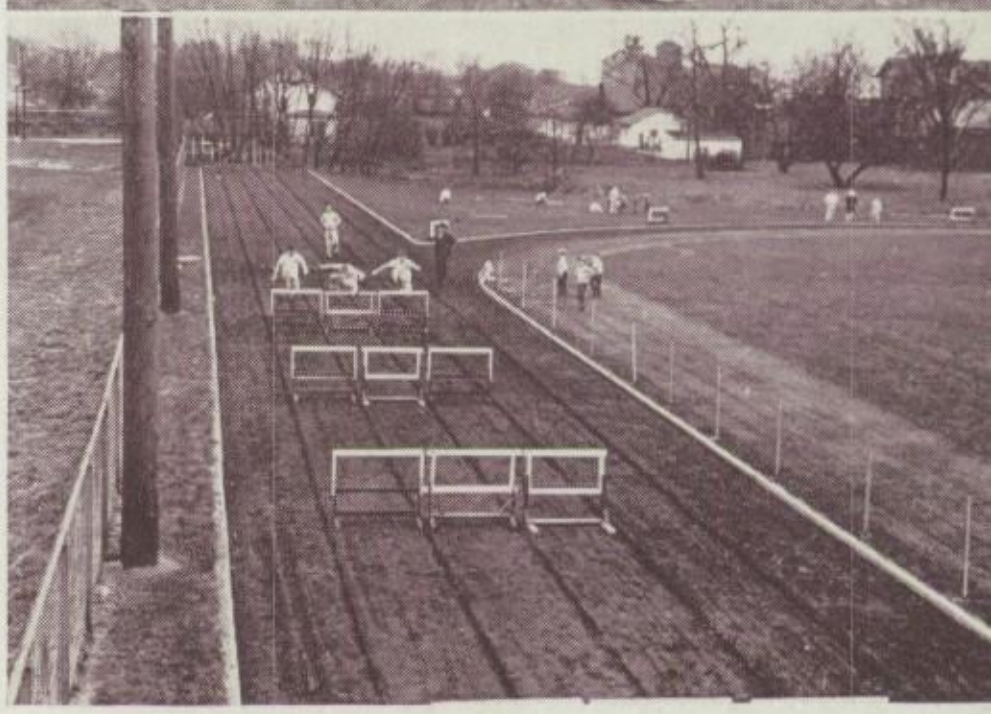
ee together, but the kids are usually in larger groups. A few devote the time to interrupted study, but most of them just talk over the day's labors. Three noons a week, one corner of the cafeteria is devoted to ballroom dancing. The school's record player and the students' records provide the music. If Tommy Dorsey isn't hot enough, then we can always call on Buddy Clark or any of the other big name bands. With a soda fountain installed as a side line and regular hours established, the cafeteria could run competition with the Kitch or the Kan-een.

Baseball for the girls and track for the boys are only two of the sports activities offered to the students in the physical education and health program at MHS.

The girls had a full program, starting the season, as usual, with hockey. The girls that survived this went on through the winter and spring with basketball, volleyball, and baseball. Five weeks of square dancing and social dancing were also enjoyed. Although calisthenics weren't stressed as much this year as they have been in the past, a few were worked in here and there—just enough to cause some aches and creaking joints.

The boys' physical education classes have been very busy this year. Besides having a few movies on sports, the boys have had a varied program of sports under the direction of coaches Lewis and Doenier. Among these were boxing, volleyball, basketball, scrimmage football, baseball, track, and, of course, two of the favorites, calisthenics and "seven laps around the gym—and run!"



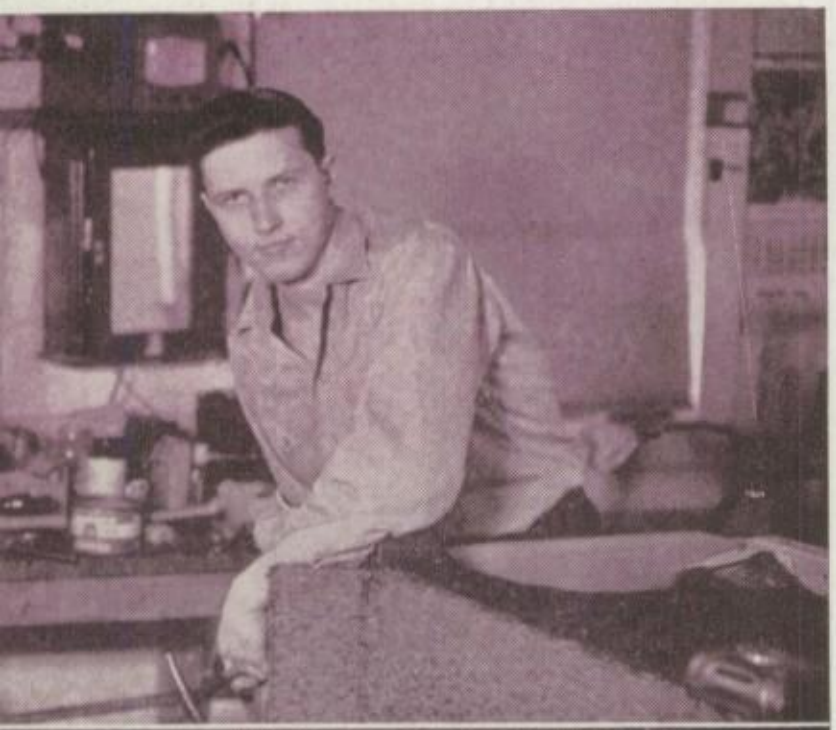
Can you plow a straight furrow? Can you test milk for butterfat content? What, you can't even milk a cow? Then you certainly aren't a member of Mr. Morris's ag class.

Aside from the regular class work which includes studying and, animals and crops, each student has a project at home and keeps his record books up-to-date on them. This usually is profitable for the boys, but once in a while they lose a valuable animal. Of course, it is no fault of the boys! Mr. Morris makes the rounds to inspect these home projects.

The farmer boys also enjoy trips to local fairs to show their prize animals, and some venture even to the State Fair at Springfield. You should see some of the collections of blue and purple ribbons.

We Do Learn a Trade in D.O.—

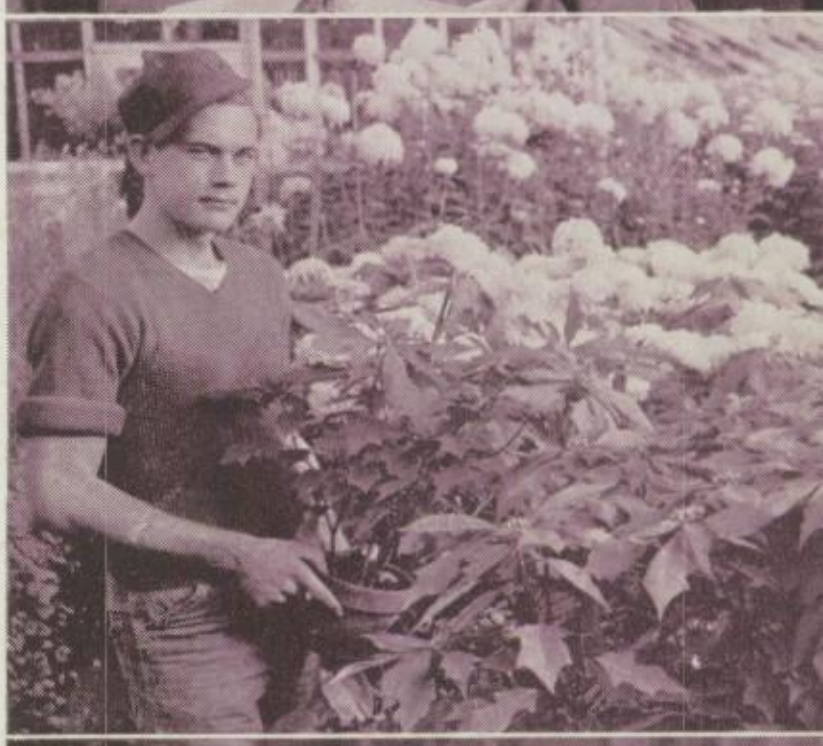
A course of on-the-job training in vocational arts. Three hours a day are spent under the direction and guidance of local employees learning skills and techniques involved in certain trades. One and one-half hours each day is spent in a high school class devoted to the basic theories and principles of the occupations and to a study of related information designed to make a better workman citizen.



As the doors of MHS were closing last year, teachers as well as students were tossing books, problems, pencils, and other school work to the winds. Everyone was forgetting school and everything concerned with school, anyway everyone except Mr. Steele and Mr. Madden. These men were busy striving to introduce into our school a new course, Diversified Occupations. This is a new venture of public education with MHS pioneering the field in Illinois. D. O. is a course of vocational arts where a student can learn a trade. Statistics show 20% of students go to college, and 20% get a vocational education. This course will help the remaining 60%, as Diversified Occupations is intended to provide the student with a large enough vocational education for the student to find a job easily in his field when he or she is graduated.

MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL IS FORERUNNER IN THIS FIELD

Mendota High School is being observed by the educators of Illinois and other states with great interest. This high school is the only school in the state which is offering such a complete education program as to include a Diversified Occupations course of this sort for students. Much publicity has already been given to our school, and, according to Mr. Steele, numerous requests have come into his office from superintendents and principals who desire to visit our school and see the course in operation.



Toward the end of school last year, Mr. Steele began to establish connections and make arrangements with the Department of Vocational Education at Springfield.

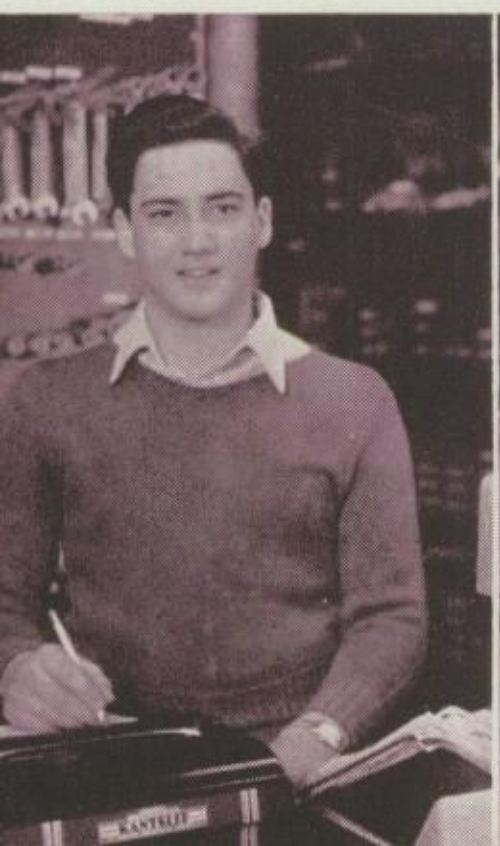
Owen Madden is the instructor. At Springfield, early last summer, he received the training required before assuming the responsibilities of a director. After his return and prior to the opening of school, the first week in September, Mr. Madden with the help of his advisory board, was busy contacting the businessmen in and around Mendota ascertaining who would be interested in cooperating with the high school in this program. The advisory board consists of John E. Black, Wesley P. Yenerich, and Harold B. Goebel. Appreciation and thanks are due the local employers who cooperated with the school in this venture and generously gave their time in training these students. The course is accredited by the high school and is a part of its curriculum.

The following is a list of the students, the type of work he or she is doing and the name of the business house where each is training:

Barbara Brown, Nursing, Harris Hospital

Robert Davis, Airplane, Fitzgerald Air Service

Dale Denault, Dry Cleaning, Fitch's Laundry



James Fitzgerald, Airplane, Fitzgerald Air Service

Dale Fischer, Implement Maintenance (farm), Schmitz Implement Service

Ken Galloway, Appliance Repairing, Hart Appliance Co.

Ken Holzner, Auto Parts, Sieg-LaSalle Co., Inc.

Rufus Joerger, Compositor, Wayside Press

Ken Jauch, Ignition Service, Jauch's Battery and Ignition Service

Russell Krenz, Machinist, Tower & Waller

Bill Kuehl, Greenhouse, Beitsch Greenhouse

Frank Novak, Groceryman, National Tea Co.

Hester Nowlin, Banking, National Bank

Cletus O'Sadnick, Radio Repairman, Mendota Appliance

Lois Rempfer, Beauty Operator, Randall's Beauty Salon

Ronald Scott, Auto Body & Fender Repairman, Johnny's Body Repair

Don Sibigtroth, Upholstery, Foster's Upholstery Shop

Richard Taylor, Law Enforcement, City of Mendota

Jack Tower, Pharmacy, Wendt's Pharmacy

Stanley Yenerich, Mechanic, Faber Motor Co.

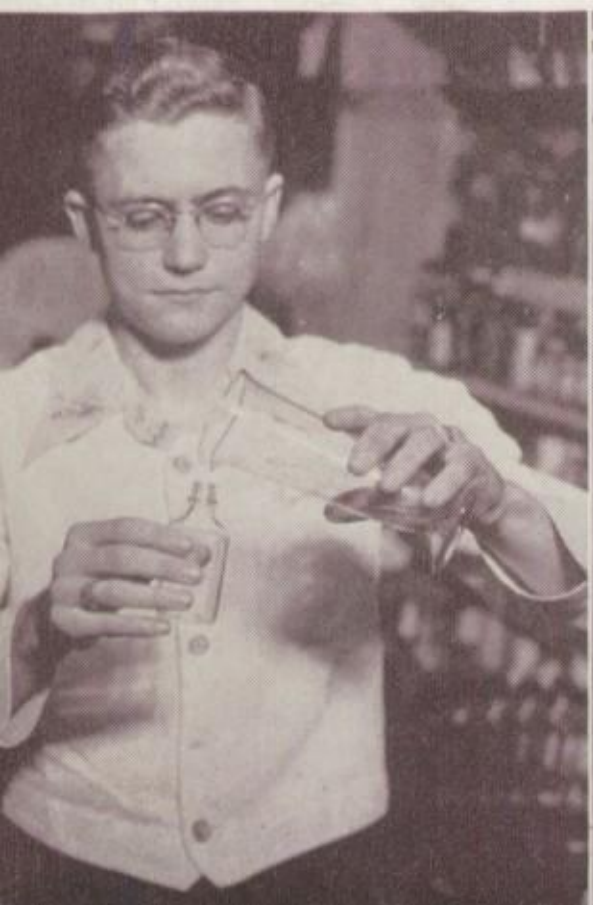
NOT PICTURED

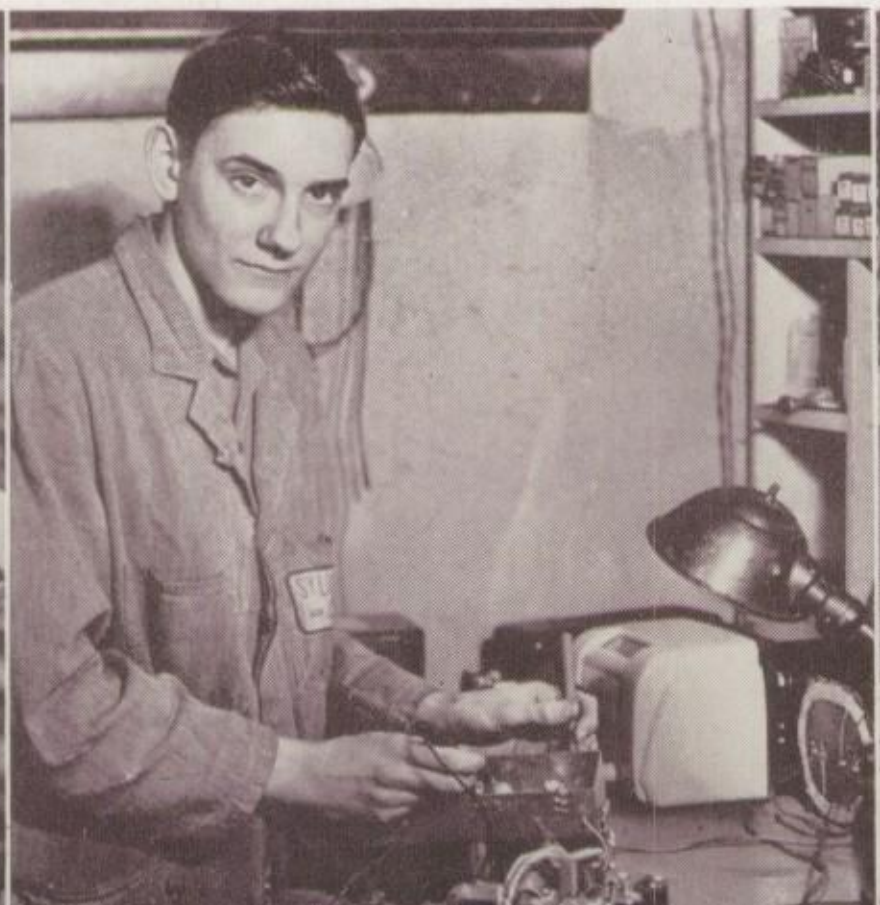
Melvin Worsley, Body and Fender, Prescott Brothers

Delmar Dinges, Implement Maintenance, Stephenitch's Implement Co.

Marjorie Fitzgerald, Reporter, Mendota Reporter

John Noble, Refrigeration, Custom Built, Inc.





We Earn While We Learn . . . .

Vocational ag students find their course profitable as well as instructive.

1. Rod Brothers—Grand Champion and Reserve of 3 shows; 2. Kenneth Piller—Grand Champion Angus heifer at Mendota; 3. Keith Sterchi's purebred Duroc gilt; 4. G.I. Matt Sullivan's Minnesota No. 1 Boar; 5. Robert McConville—Champion Ram lamb; 6. Dale McConville—Angus steer; 7. Melvin Jackson—Holstein heifer; 8. Kenneth Piller's fat steer, 2 Angus heifers; 9. Marlin Hoelzer—2d prize Angus heifer; 10. James Cogdal's two Corriedale ewes; 11. Norman Bauer—Two Purebred Duroc gilts; 12. Four FFA boys with home signs; 13. Keith Sterchi—and his FFA sign; 14. Don Ayers—Grand Champion FFA Shorthorn heifer.

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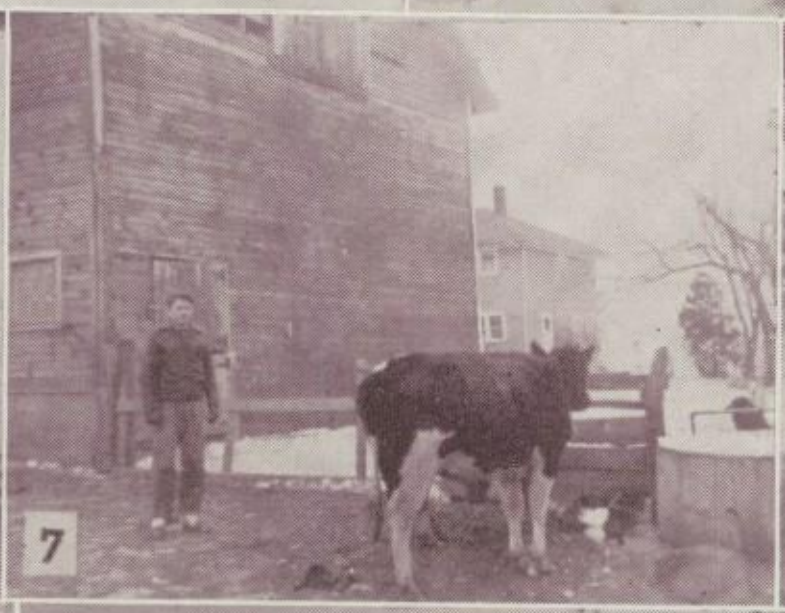
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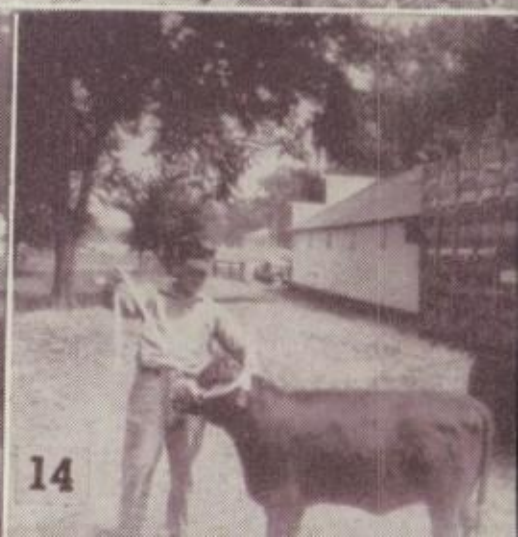
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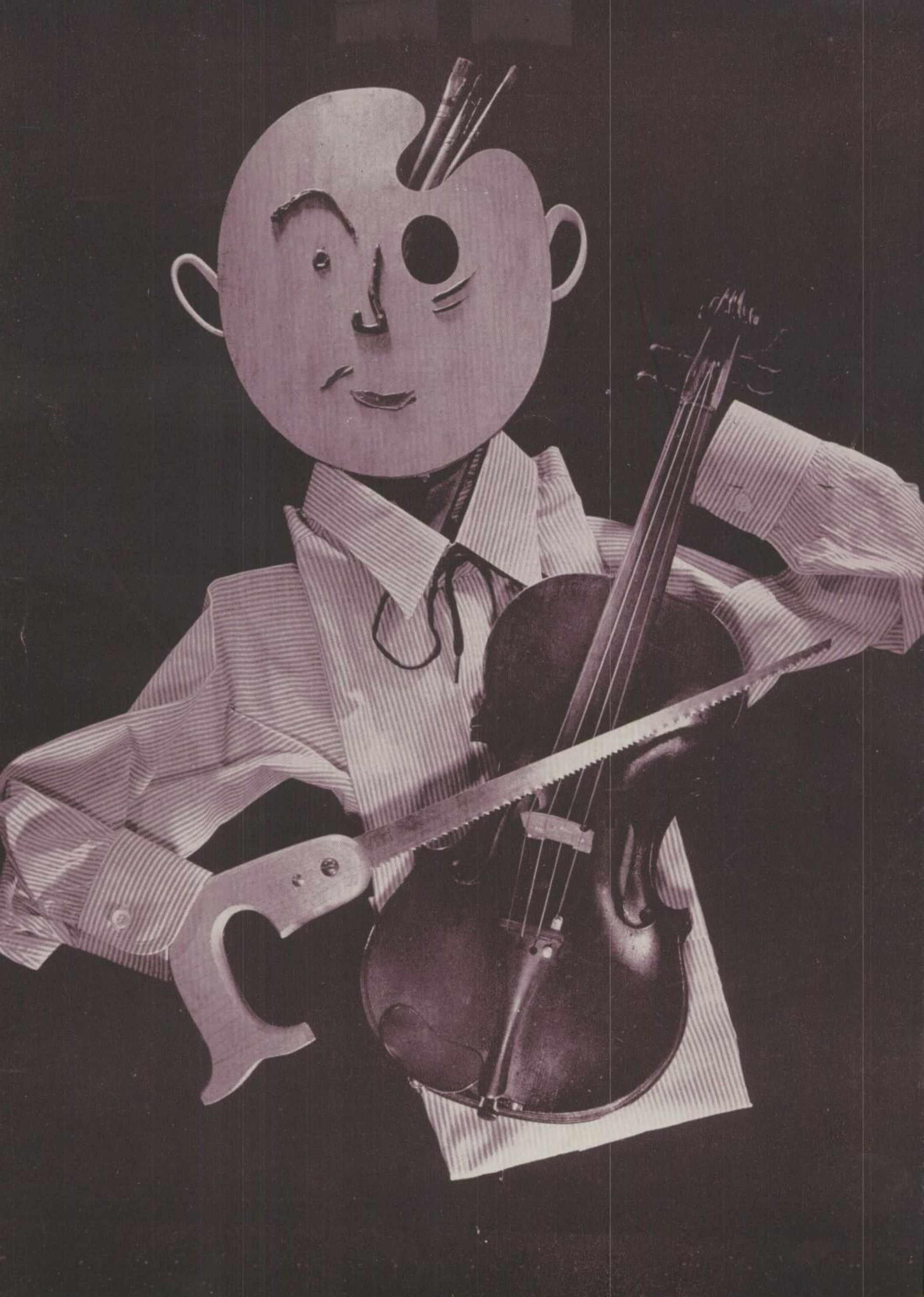

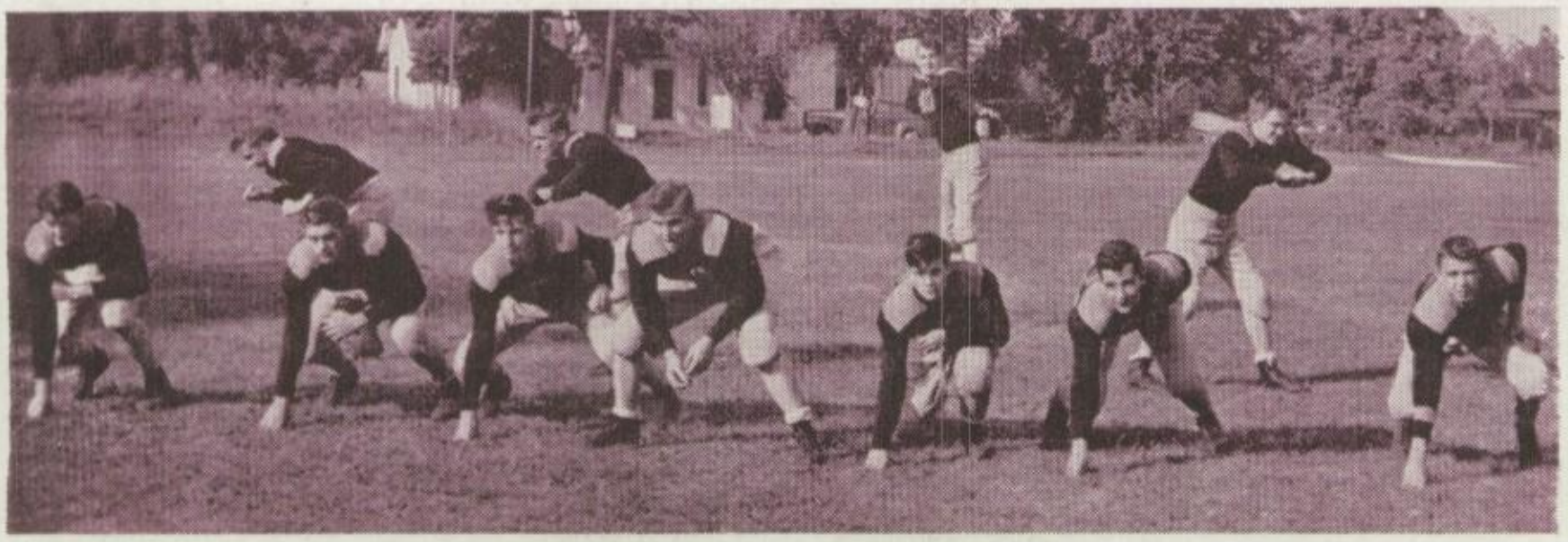

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Goings on Around

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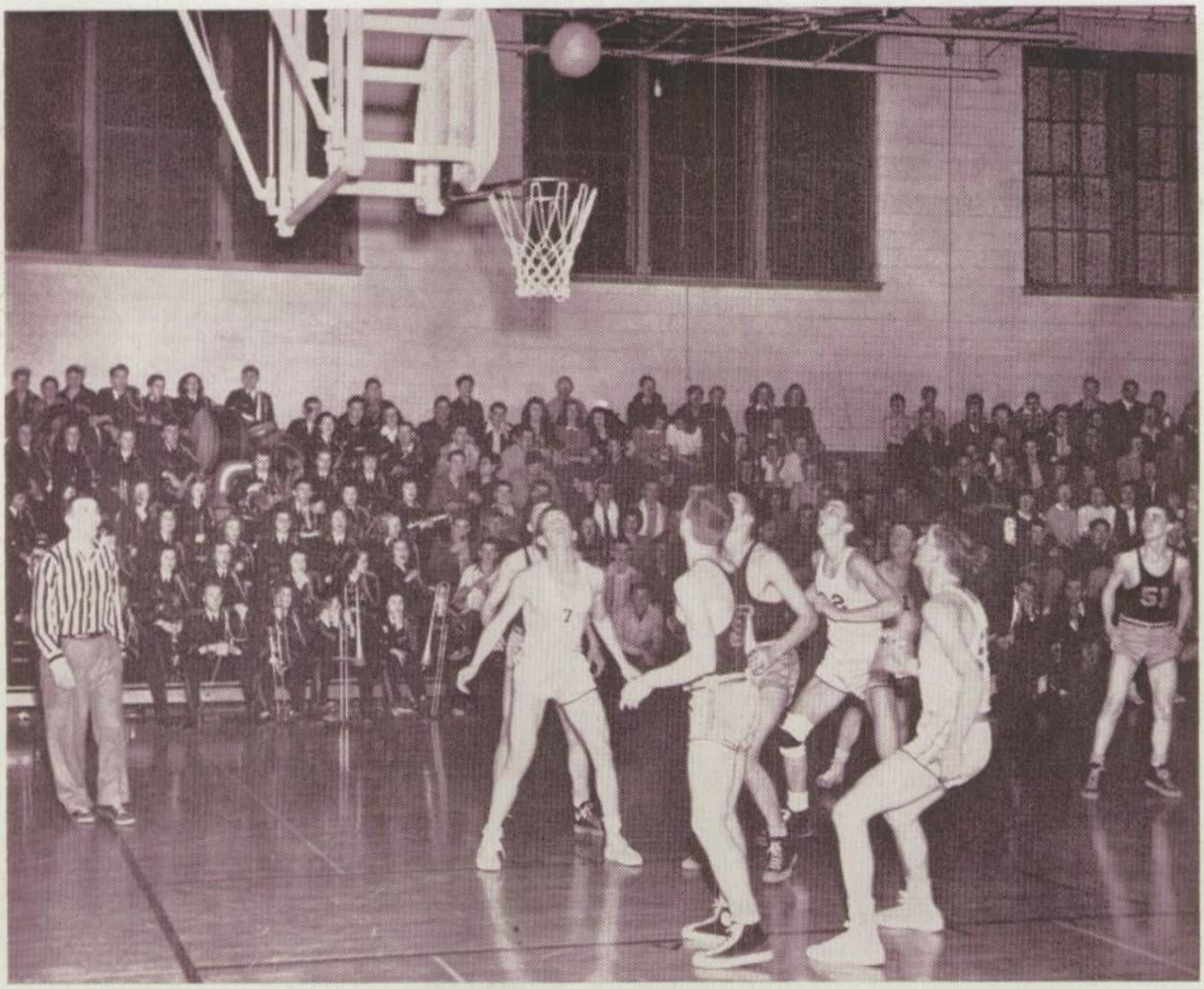
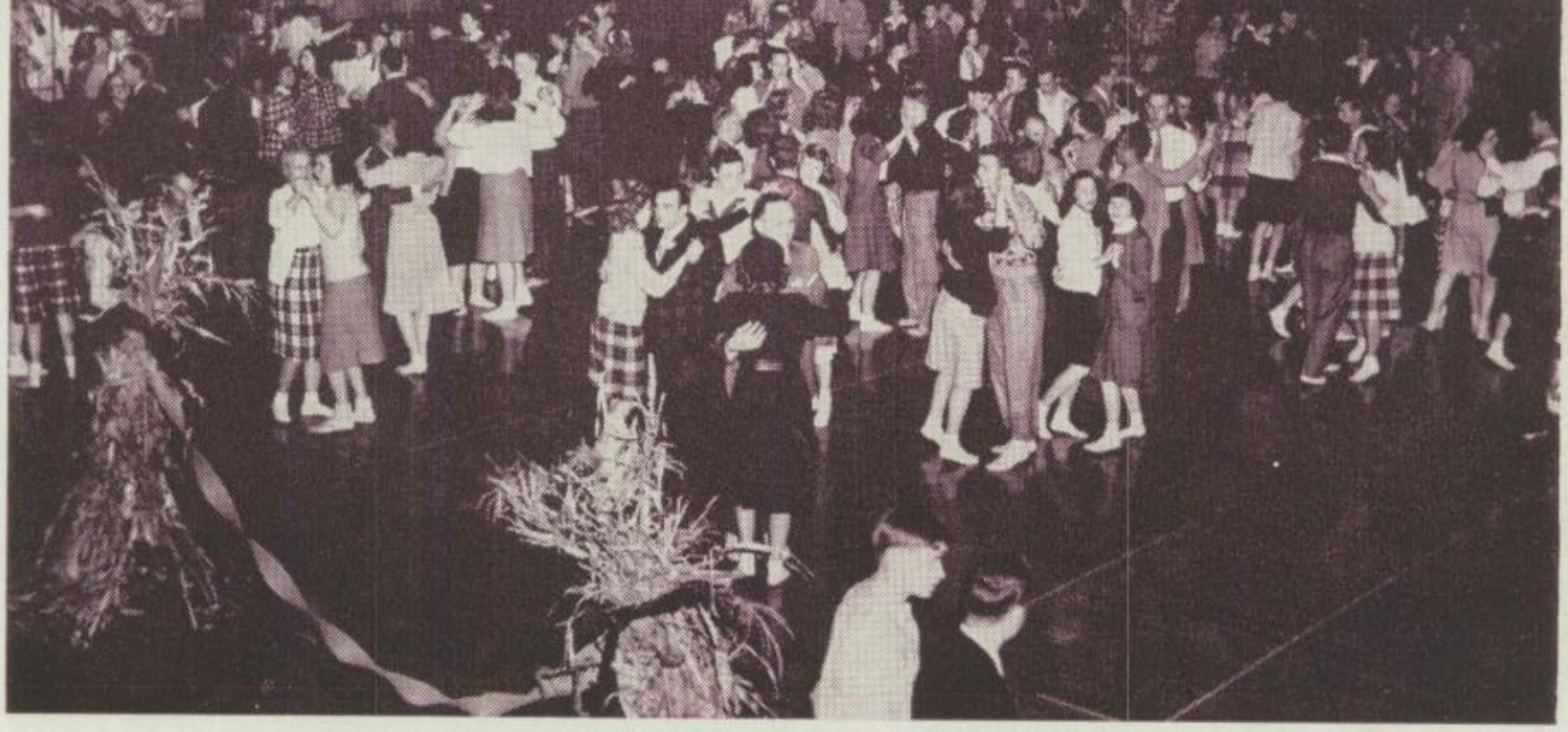
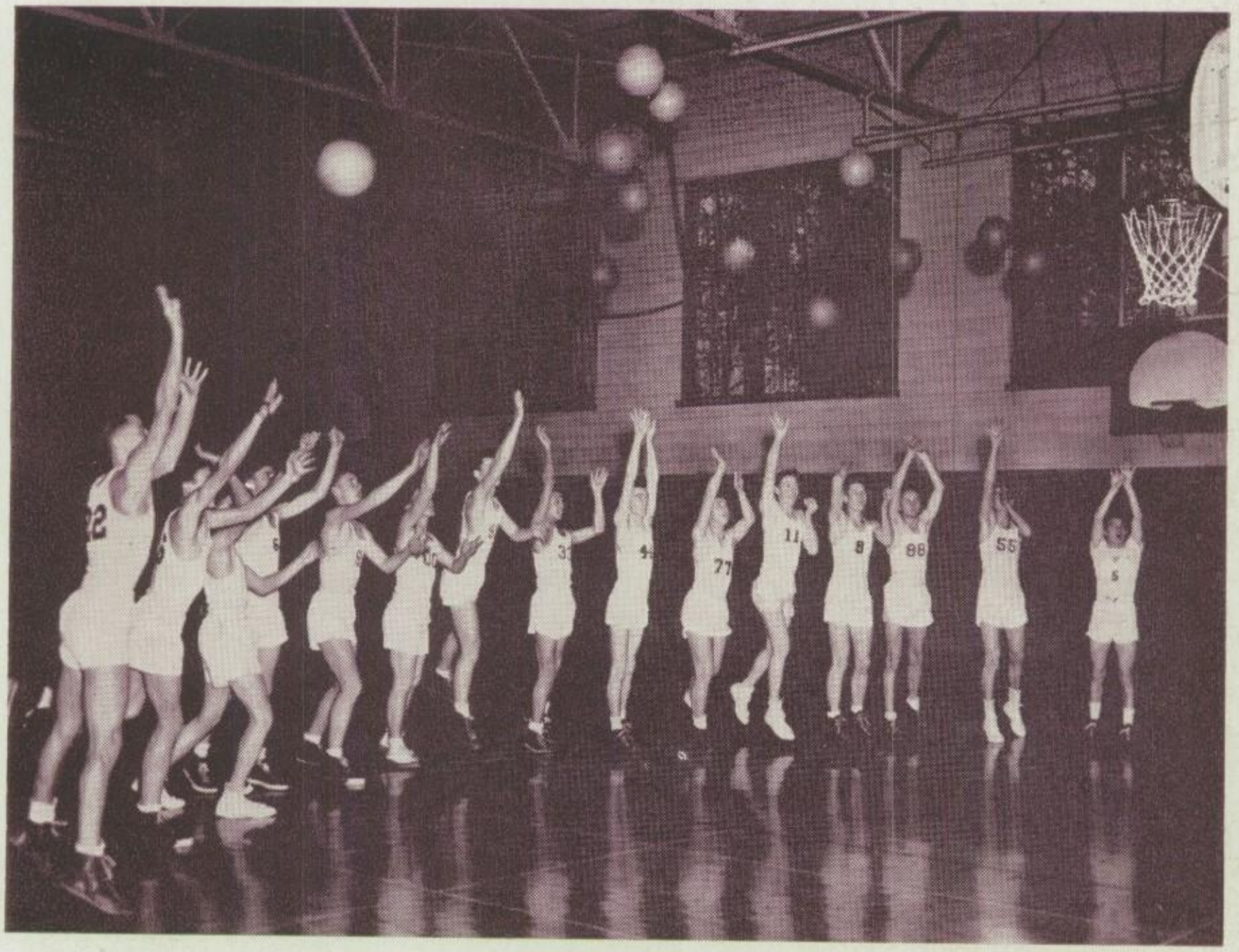


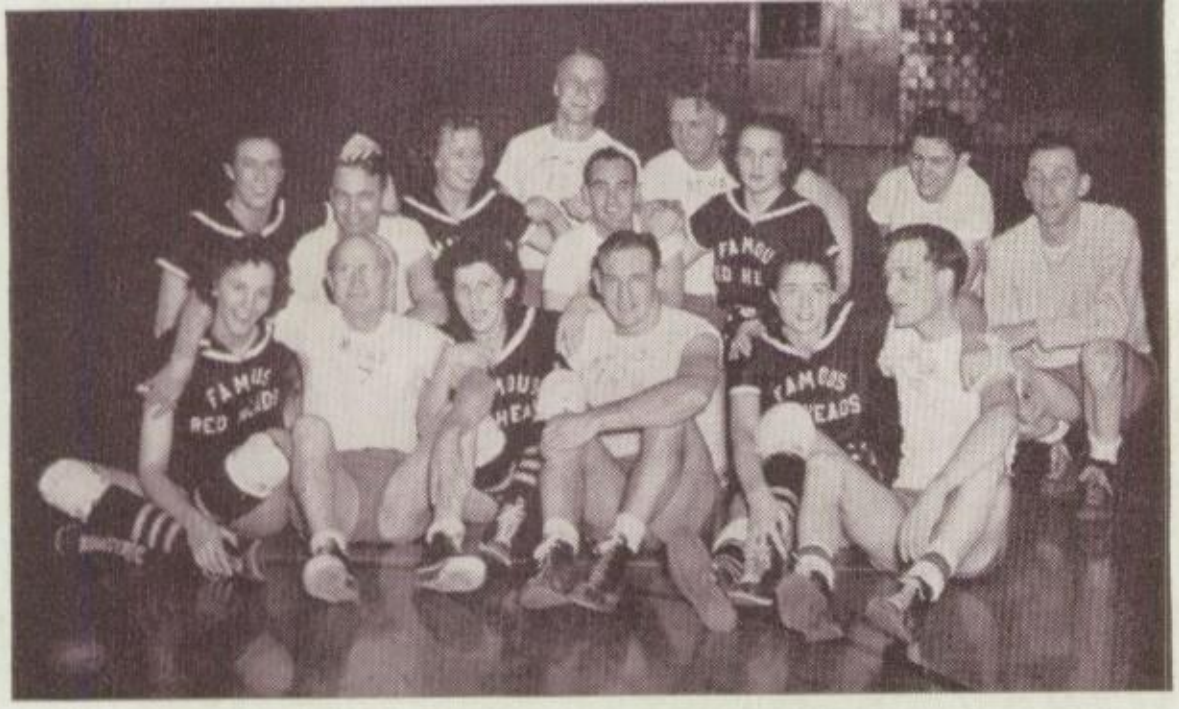


Homecoming — hmm - - - Nice!

Mendota High School

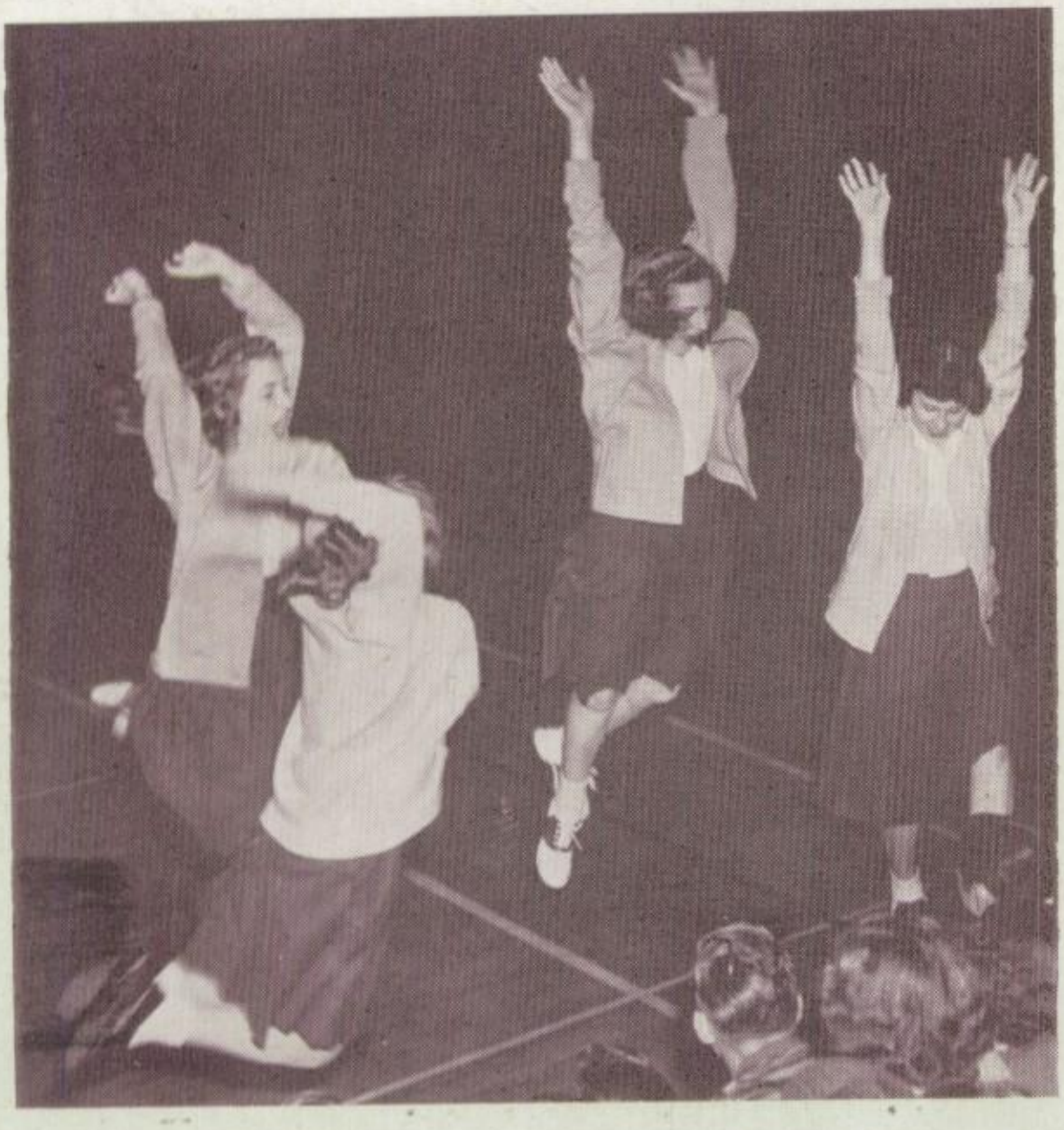
Swish Experts





Who's to Blame for the Teacher Shortage?

Heart Sister Banquet — Climax of Heart Sister Week



Miss Merry Xmas

The Mayor and Merry Xmas

MABS Honor Trojans with Banquet

STUDENT COUNCIL

Voice of the Student Body

Organized in 1938, the student council of MHS has grown from a small-functioning organization to one which has gained a prominent place in the school. It is the student's organization, being the agent of expression of the entire body. The council members are chosen by this group with the aim of creating better conditions and relations between the student body and the school administration and actively assisting in promoting extra-curricular activities for school improvement.

This year's council, in celebrating the tenth anniversary of its organization, successfully undertook numerous projects for the welfare of the school.

With Miss Hazel Payne serving as faculty adviser, an enthusiastic council met at her home at the beginning of the school year for the purpose of organization and the election of officers. Those elected to serve in office for the year included Penfield Faber, president; Jean Van Etten, vice president; and Maralyn Ashley, secretary-treasurer.

The auditorium committee composed of Bob Magnusson, chrm., Lester Kramer, Carol Pohl, and Joan Massey did a fine piece of work in planning and scheduling a variety of assembly programs for the entertainment of the faculty and the student body. These programs included movies, music, and a talent show.

As has been customary in the past, the council again sold pencils engraved with the football schedule and later the same type of pencil for the basketball season. Another means of raising funds for

Fourth Row: J. Herbert, C. Roehm, M. Jackson.
Third Row: N. Blotch, N. Cummings, J. Schaller, L. Kramer, H. Peasley, R. Magnusson, R. Holler.
Second Row: W. Engelbrecht, C. Pohl, L. Brewbaker, P. Stenger, J. Brady, J. Harris.
First Row: D. Westerman, J. Van Etten, M. Ashley, Miss Payne.
Standing: P. Faber.

1. Journalism Float; 2. Kanteen Float; 3. Alumni Float; 4. Grade School Children; 5. GAA Float.

the benefit of the council's treasury was the operation of the coat check room for the convenience of the basketball fans.

To bring a touch of the Yuletide spirit into the school, the council purchased and decorated a Christmas tree, placing it in the front entrance hall and using it as a means of extending the season's greetings to students and faculty members.

The organization has been considering the revision of its constitution to a form which will more adequately meet its growing needs. When concluded, it will, in all probability, allow for a formal initiation service of council officers and members.

The council sent six members to the Illinois State Student Council Convention held at Peoria on April 23 and 24. There were over a thousand students represented from various schools at the convention. A banquet and dance was held on Friday night and all of the delegates had an enjoyable time. Besides having a good time they learned many ways to help and improve our council in the coming year. Those attending were: Maralyn Ashley, Joan Massey, Janet Schaller, Bob Magnusson, Bob Holler, and Lester Kramer.

All in all, the council has had a very successful year and has established itself as an integral part of MHS.

6. FFA-FHA Float; 7. Grade School Band.

First Annual Homecoming

At its first meeting, the council, with considerable apprehension, formulated plans to sponsor the first real homecoming of MHS. October 31, the date of the Mendota-Geneseo game, was decided upon as the time. Much interest was manifested in the balloting held to determine the queen of each class. In the final voting Jean Van Etten was chosen queen of the senior class, JoAnn Fuller, queen of the junior class, Lillian Svendsen, queen of the sophomore class, and Ruth Bunton, queen of the freshman

Queen for a Day . . . .

class. Each class worked hard in the preparation of the gaily decorated float on which their queen and her attendants rode in the afternoon's parade. Organizations in the school as well as the alumni association helped to make the parade a success by their active participation and co-operation. Hundreds of spectators thronged the business streets to witness the parade of floats which was led by both the grade and the MHS band, resplendent in their new uniforms. Grade school children in colorful Halloween costumes added to the gaiety and interest of the procession. Contributing greatly to the success of the affair was the victory over Geneseo that evening, the crowning of the class queens on the field, and the band exhibition during halftime. The gala festivities of the day were concluded with a "Sock Hop" held in the gymnasium after the game. The student body, alumni members, and Geneseo students were all invited to attend.

It is hoped the council has started a tradition that will be yearly from now on at MHS.

We DEBATE *the Question*

Resolved: That the Federal Government should require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries.

Fourteen students worked under the direction of Mr. Bryson to complete the season of debate work. Only four of these students had any previous debating experience. They were Genevieve Weiss, Thelma Watson, Robert Holler, and Lester Kramer.

Robert Waller started debate in the second five weeks and won a place on the team, working with Lester on the negative. Nancy Doermann was first affirmative speaker, with Thelma as second speaker. Genevieve and Joan Massey worked together as a negative team. Jane Laws and Bob Holler both worked as first negative speakers. Marianne Bowne debated both as first affirmative, and second affirmative speaker.

Two complete squads opened the season at the La Grange nondecision tournament on November 15. This gave the teams a preview of the competition which they could expect to meet that season.

The second practice tournament was a nondecision debate at DeKalb.

On December 13, the team participated in the annual tournament at Normal and returned with five wins and three losses. The affirmative team was ranked superior in debate. Several debate students also participated in the discussion tournament held in connection with the debate tourney.

T. Watson, N. Doermann, L. Kramer, R. Waller, G. Weiss, J. Massey.

Second Row: R. Ough, N. Doermann, Mr. Bryson, T. Watson, R. Holler, L. Kramer, R. Waller.
First Row: C. Pohl, D. Morris, T. Ward, M. Bowne, G. Weiss, J. Laws.

Eight debaters participated in the East Rockford tournament on January 17. They returned with eleven wins and five losses. The first and second teams each placed third in their respective groups. Genevieve and Joan, debating as Mendota II negative, went undefeated and were the only team at the tournament to defeat an Elgin team.

The next tournament was at Elgin on January 24. Two teams debated. Together they won five and lost eleven. This was the poorest record of the season.

One of the big events of the year was the Augustana debate tourney. Genevieve and Joan, as one team and Bob Waller and Lester, alternated on the negative. Nancy and Thelma upheld the affirmative. The team won eight debates and lost four. Genevieve and Joan were the only negative at the tournament to defeat the winner of the trophy, La Grange.

Mendota was host to the North Central Conference tournament on February 7. Mendota and Geneseo tied for first place, each having won seven and lost one. An extra round of debate was held to break the tie. The Mendota negative bowed to the Geneseo affirmative in a close debate before three judges.

The debate sectional was held at West Rockford on March 13. Nancy and Thelma upheld the affirmative, and Bob Waller and Lester composed the negative team. The squad met such competition as Rochelle, Byron, Arlington Heights, New Trier, West and East Rockford. The last three teams tied for first place, and, after another round of debate, the decision went to New Trier. Mendota tied for sixth place with two wins and four losses; however, their individual ratings were high.

Although the team had no perfect record, they did very well considering their lack of experience. The large number of juniors who have shown their interest in forensic work should prove an asset to the team in the '48-'49 season.

FROSH-SOPH DEBATE

Five students participated in frosh-soph debate the second semester. The affirmative consisted of Carol Pohl and Bill Pedersen alternating as first and Thais Ward as second speaker. Roger Du Bois and Marvin Ehlers upheld the negative views.

Carol and Thais received some experience by debating in two non-decision tournaments the first semester. The rest of the members were without experience.

The frosh-soph group participated in several practice debates and proved that they had debating ability. The experience gained this year will be an asset to them in the next season when they advance to more difficult competition.

SPEECH CONTESTANTS

Excel in Competition

Because of an enthusiastic interest in speech work, Mendota was well represented at contests and the Rochelle dramatic festival this year.

Early in the second semester the speech director, Kenneth Bryson, began choosing the outstanding students in the field of voice training. He had very good luck with the turnout as it was one of the largest in MHS history.

In the field of verse speaking Betty Rave, Robert Holler, and Marna Brewbaker were entrants. Richard Walter, Genevieve Weiss, Jo Ann Jackson, Paula Stenger, and Joyce Spaulding were interested in humorous speaking while Jane Laws, Thelma Watson, and Nancy Doermann went in for serious reading. In the department of oratorical declamation both Joanne Oester and Ruth Rapp sought triumph. Joan Massey and Paul Shanyfelt were ready to brave the perils of original oratory. Lester Kramer was the only one to tryout for extemporaneous speaking yet he proved capable of the job.

Kenneth Bryson, the speech director, with the help of Miss Payne and Mrs. Doenier trained these students for the elimination contest on February 10. The winners of this advanced to DeKalb for the Conference meet.

At the Conference Speech Contest held in DeKalb on February 21, the Mendota contestants faired very well. Bob Holler and Joan Massey both placed first in verse and original oratory respectively. The students that placed high enough to

Standing: K. Bryson, J. Jackson, R. Holler, J. Laws, C. Pohl, R. Waller, L. Kramer, N. Doermann, D. Walter, G. Weiss, W. Pedersen.

Second Row: H. Payne, R. Rapp, J. Spaulding, T. Watson, P. Stenger, P. Shanyfelt, R. Doenier.

First Row: J. Massey, B. Rave, J. Oester, M. Brewbaker.

CONTEST PLAY
"Last Flight Over"

Sairy	Mary Grace Spenader
Benny	Jesse King
Mattie	Jean Van Etten
Pa	Bob Cotton
Dave	Penny Faber
Director	Kenneth Bryson
Stage Manager	Don Serup
Assistant Stage Manager	Dick Walter
Make-up	Hazel Payne

CONFERENCE PLAY
"New School of Wives"

John Dunlap	Lamar Brewbaker
Miriam Dunlap	Mary Catherine Stremlau
Laura	Donna Prescott
Ellen Dunlap	Jane Laws
Roberta Vance	Jo Ann Jackson
Cecile Pendleton	Rosemary Gallagher
Harriet Schofeld	Ruth Rapp
Warren Price	Dick Walter
Director	Kenneth Bryson
Stage Manager	Don Serup

advance to the District at Rock Falls were: Nancy Doermann, serious reading; Joan Massey, original oratory; Joanne Oester, oratorical declamation; Bob Holler, verse; Lester Kramer, extemporaneous speaking; and Paula Stenger, humorous reading.

At the District, Mendota again scored as they won the meet, with the one act play and Joanne Oester getting ribbons for first place. Others gathering points were Nancy Doermann, Joan Massey, and Thelma Watson. Thelma took Lester's place in extemporaneous speaking when Lester became the victim of a severe cold and was unable to talk. With only two days' preparation Thelma went in and won second place. Bob Holler got fourth in the meet, but the second place winner was disqualified and Bob moved up to third place.

The cast of the one act play "Last Flight Over" was as follows: Dave, Penny Faber; Mattie, Jean Van Etten; Sairy, Mary Grace Spenader; Pa, Bob Cotton; Benny, Jesse King. Don Serup and Dick Walters were stage managers, and Miss Payne helped out in the make-up department.

The excellent acting in this play enabled the group to advance to the Sectional at Rockford, along with the others that placed third or higher at District.

In the Sectional meet at Rockford, Mendota as a group placed second in the A school division. Second place honors were won by both the play, "Last Flight Over", and Bob Holler, and both were thus allowed to advance to State. The others, although they did not qualify for State, came out very well. Joan Massey placed third, barely missing the opportunity to go to State. Joanne Oester and Nancy Doermann placed fourth. Thelma Watson ran into stiff competition and got sixth place.

In the state contest held at Champaign on April 16-17, "Last Flight Over" took seventh place, one place better than last year. Bob Holler placed eleventh in Illinois in high school verse speaking. The competition was of the highest caliber, and Mendota can be proud of its showing in the contest.

At the annual dramatic festival at Rochelle, Jane Laws demonstrated her acting ability by placing on the "All Star" cast. The other members of "New School of Wives", although they were not as fortunate as Jane, are to be complimented on their ability and determination.

All of the students who entered speech work this year worked very hard and upheld the good name Mendota has earned through the efforts of her former speech students.

JANUARY THAW

LOST HORIZON

SENIOR CLASS PLAY COMMITTEES

Fourth Row: I. Mann, M. Spenader, J. Brady, W. Frank, J. Jackson, B. Cotton, C. Wilhelm, R. Thompson, R. Rapp.

Third Row: D. Hansen, P. Bunton, B. Lucas, C. McMahon, M. Meyer, T. Watson, J. Spaulding, A. Olsen, L. Edwards, J. Hoover.

Second Row: Mrs. Doenier, G. Nelson, M. Stremlau, L. Rempfer, Mr. Gehler, D. Jones, E. Hochstatter, M. Vincent, Miss Breese.

First Row: Miss Payne, P. Faber, P. Stenger, D. Prescott, Mr. Bryson, B. Gehler, C. Rod, D. Serup, Miss Swanson.

JUNIOR PLAY

January Thaw

One spring evening in 1947, the houselights in the MHS auditorium dimmed, the curtains rose, and the junior class presented their play, "January Thaw," before a packed house. For two hours, the auditorium shook with laughter at the antics of Uncle Walter and the Rockwoods in their stubborn feud with the modern Gage family.

Jim Hickok and Hester Nowlin, as Mr. and Mrs. Gage, move into an old colonial house in Connecticut with their three daughters, played by Rosemary Gallagher, Nancy Reeser, and Thelma Watson, plus Mary Grace Spenader as the domineering maid, Frieda. No sooner are they settled than the former occupants of the house, an elderly couple and their son, along with their cow and horse, move back into the old house, and here the trouble and laughs begin. Penfield Faber and Jean Van Etten, in a superb characterization of Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood, with their roving son Matt, Lamar Brewbaker, soon become unbearable to the Gages and vice versa. Dave Westerman as Uncle Walter, the neighbor who "knows all the news", definitely sides with the Rockwoods. Dave's funny lines, that so irritated the Gages, brought forth many a laugh from the audience.

The conflict between the old fashioned Rockwoods, with their out-dated methods, and the ultra-modern Gages reaches its highest point when a blizzard strikes, leaving the Gages without heat, light, plumbing, and food. But the Rockwoods are snug and warm in their part of the house, with lots of food, since they have no faith in electricity.

Although the temperature in the MHS auditorium was near the 70's the whole audience chilled and shivered with the Gages in a hilarious breakfast scene—minus the breakfast.

To make matters worse, the offspring of both families, Matt and Barbara, leave suddenly to help a neighbor, but to all appearances have eloped, much to the horror of both families and Barbara's suitor, John Jackson, in the role of George. Not even the lawyer or the sheriff, Jerry Johnson and Bob Cotton, can help the situation. Luckily, the storm clears and so does the feud and, as Barbara and Matt return, the two families settle their differences.

Miss Payne deserves inestimable credit; by her superb direction and coaching she added another smash-hit to her already mounting list of successful productions at MHS.

Moreover, the various committees, their chairmen, and the whole junior class pulled together to make "January Thaw" a financial success as well and thus helped to raise funds for the prom and '48 Atodnem.

SENIOR PLAY

Lost Horizon

The senior class of nineteen hundred forty-eight of MHS presented "Lost Horizon", directed by K. D. Bryson and adapted from James Hilton's novel by Anne Coulter Martin and Christopher Sergel.

We live in an age of speed not always directed toward an objective, but many times aimless, unguided, or misguided. Relatively unimportant actions assume paramount importance in our lives. Necessarily, we all build in our minds a mystical Shangri-La in which, rather than haste and intemperance, reason and moderation are the guiding principles.

The shelter of Shangri-La is offered to the characters in this play. Their various reactions to this proferred haven indicate how deeply cut are the ruts of traditional behavior.

The seniors portrayed these characters so vividly they took you away with them to Shangri-La.

The play begins in a cocktail lounge of a British club in Calcutta where four natives of England are discussing Conway, the only one of the group from Shangri-La to return. Rutherford, Bob Cotton, is telling Conway's story to Wyland, Dave Westerman, Myra, Jean Van Etten, and Elizabeth, Thelma Watson, as the lights fade.

When the lights come on again you are in the Lamasary of Shangri-La with all its ancient grandeur. A large window, with a hanging balcony is in the center. Out of this window the majestic, snow capped peak of Karakal is visible.

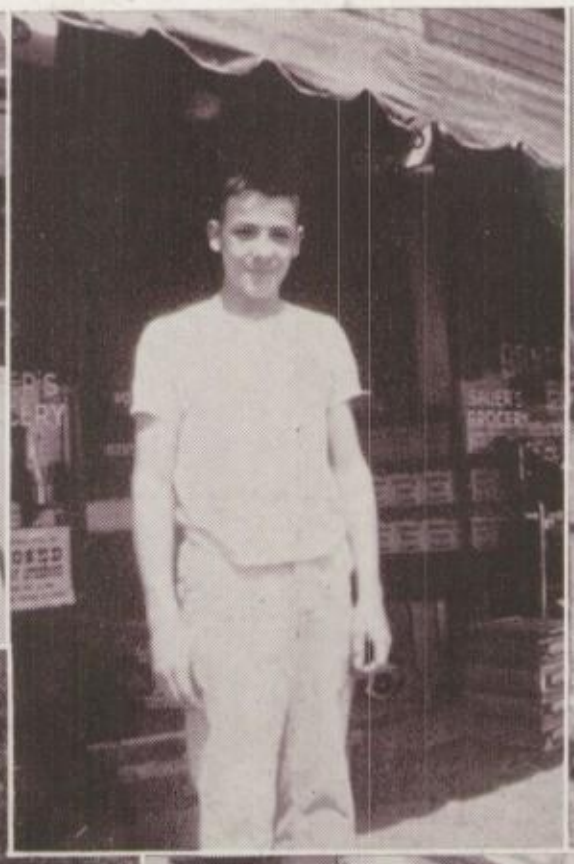
An aspect of complete moderation was cast on the audience by John Jackson, an elderly Chinese, and by Marguerite and Louise Magnusson, two girls rescued long ago from the treacherous mountains and brought to the Lamasary.

A spell of heavy drama was projected by Lamar, as Mallinson, and Penny, the High Lama.

Jim carried the lead of Conway, a difficult role, very well; while Jerry and Mary Grace supplied the humor in the parts of Mr. Barnard and Miss Brinklow.

The supporting characters were played by Al Loach, a Tibetan; Nancy Reeser, a Chinese serving girl; and Betty Pohl, a Tibetan girl, Tashi. Joe Brady painted the very beautiful mountain, Karakal. Don Serup was stage manager, and Donna Prescott was in charge of rounding up costumes.

Kenneth Bryson did a very fine job of directing this, his first play at MHS, and all the seniors wish him luck in the future.



In the Good Old Summer Time . . . .

Can't Forget These . . . .

I Read it in the HI-LIGHT

Once upon a time, to be exact, September 2, 1947, at 8:20 A.M., twenty-seven students entered Room 6 to probe into the vast unknowns of journalism. Under the superior guidance of Mrs. Doenier this class was able to edit their first Hi-Light without too much difficulty.

Every three weeks, until Christmas vacation, all the columns were written by different individuals. New editors were also selected this way. For the second semester a permanent staff was chosen, and Penny Faber was elected editor with Jean Van Etten as assistant editor.

All athletic activities were capably covered by eight members of the staff. David Westerman and Rosemary Gallagher reported the varsity games while Lamar Brewbaker covered the frosh-soph contests. Freshman basketball games were reported by Jim Van Meter. Material for forecast games was supplied by Albert Loach and Bob Michael. John Jackson and Jerry Johnson wrote the "Boys' Locker Chatter."

The latest in "love life" at MHS was cleverly reported in the dirt column by Paula Stenger and Nancy Reeser.

The various organizations around school were by no means forgotten. Band activities were reported in this year's "Band Notes" by Bob Cotton. Speech and debate news was gathered and written by Thelma Watson. FFA accomplishments were reported by Bob Ayers in "Plowlines." FHA comments were made by different girls belonging to the organization.

The feature section was ably handled by Lola Edwards and Mary Grace Spenader. These girls showed remarkable skill in finding the most interesting topics.

"Over the Hill", one of the cleverest novelty columns to appear in the Hi-Light, was written by Thelma Watson, who was alternately aided by Penny Faber and Jean Van Etten.

News of former MHS students was gathered by Gloria Nelson and Beverly Lucas and printed in "MHS Oldfolk."

All girls sport news, inside dope, and GAA goings-on were reported by Donita Hansen and Carol McMahon.

"Kanteen Notes" were supplied by Betty Gehler and Jim Hickok, who displayed their journalism technique in writing this column.

"Birthdays" and "Calendar of Events" were compiled by Don Serup, who was also elected business manager of the journalism class.

News stories were very nicely written by Shirley Munson and Mary Ellen Durham. Mary Ellen was also chosen treasurer of the class.

During the year the class took two field trips — one to the Reporter Office and the other to the Wayside Press. These trips were of value to the students as they proved interesting and gave the students knowledge of things they had not before realized.

In order to build up their treasury and be able to pay for cuts in the Hi-Light from time to time, the class sponsored several money-making projects. They took charge of the lunch stand twice at the football games, and during the basketball season several of the staff sold ads so that the class was able to have programs printed and handed out at the games.

HI-LIGHT STAFF VISITS ITS PRINTER, THE MENDOTA REPORTER

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BEAT ROCHELLE

TROJANS BEAT DEKALB IN CONFERENCE TILT

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dota Trojans came Friday night, January conference game from 2. The Trojans led way until the last two n the Barbs pulled a- points. A bucket by e the visitors a one until the last 17 sec- i Gehant, sharpshoot- sunk a 20 footer from

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Jackson	1	1	4	3
Faber	2	1	0	5
Brady	0	0	4	0
Ryan	3	0	0	6
Hickok	0	0	1	0
Totals	17	9	18	43

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MENDOTA TEAMS PLACE THIRD IN ROCKFORD DEBATE TOURNEY

Mendota debaters placed third at the East Rockford debate tournament on January 17, 1948. There were twelve schools competing for first place which was taken by Elgin with 9 wins and no losses. LaGrange placed second with 7 wins and 1 loss. Mendota tied with DeKalb and West Rockford for third place with 6 wins and 2 losses.

The affirmative team consisting of Nancy Doermann and Thelma Watson met Beloit, Freeport, East Rockford, and Riverside. They lost one debate to East Rockford.

The negative team consisting of Robert Waller and Lester Kramer met Elgin, Freeport, East Rockford, and Riverside. The negative lost one debate to Elgin.

Second Team Also Places Third

Four Mendota debaters competed in the second team tournament at East Rockford. Ten schools participated in this contest. Elgin II won the tournament with 7 wins and 1 loss, East Rockford and Freeport second and Mendota placed

Mendota affirmative was and Thais Ward. They Rockford, Beloit, Elgin, They defeated other

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HATS OFF TO BAND AND MR. PIERCE

Here's a salute to Mendota's pep band and its director, Mr. Pierce. This organization has done an outstanding job in helping to increase enthusiasm at the pep sessions and game. The band has increased our school spirit and has stimulated our basketball boys.

Those who are members of this organization are: Barbara Sauer, Dorothy Stevenson, Joyce Spaulding, Janis Sonntag, Dean Gordon, Miriam Otterbach, Joe Brady, Carol Amfahr, Ruth Rapp, Robert Roach, Jane Schaller, Nancy Cummings, Nancy Yost, Maralyn Ashley, Carol Pohl, Bob Mauntel, Nancy Blotch, Carol Hoffman, Jim Van Meter, Dorothy Wilhelm, Beverly Peterson, Bob Politsch, Jim Finley, Bill LaShonse, Darlene Matheslus, George Leonard, Nancy Matheslus, Bob Holler, and Bob Cotton.

OVER THE HILL

(and through the wave lengths)

Flash! Mr. and Miss M.H.S. Let's go to press.

Flash! Miss Pottinger's ticket sales have reached a grand total of 385.

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THE F. H. A. HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

The Future Homemakers of America held their monthly meeting in the cafeteria of the high school, Jan. 14. Miss Salzman, club advisor, served as chairman of the meeting.

The membership and lack of attendance at the meetings were discussed. Mrs. Doenier, chapter mother, talked to the group on the rules of parliamentary procedure. Barbara Brown, the scrap book chairman, gave a report.

After the adjournment of the m ing, games were played wit Otterbach in charge. T mittee, consisting Darlene Opsal, an served refreshments

THE MUDDY

Troubles, troubles, thing but those dear And to prove our po nice triangle.

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Mrs. Lloyd Doenier
Adviser

Fourth Row: L. Brewbaker, D. Serup, A. Loach, J. Van Meter, J. Jackson, J. Hickok, B. Cotton.

Third Row: T. Watson, R. Gallagher, M. G. Spenader, C. McMahcn, P. Stenger, B. Lucas, B. Michael.

Second Row: L. Edwards, M. Durham, B. Ayers, J. Johnson, D. Westerman, C. Rod, B. Gehler.

First Row: G. Nelson, Mrs. Doenier, J. Van Etten, P. Faber, S. Munson, D. Hansen, N. Reeser.

P. Faber, Editor.
J. Van Etten, Asst. Editor.

Here is the ATODNEM *Staff . . .*

There is probably only one class project at MHS that can boast of absolutely 100 per cent participation, and that is the Atodnem. This is really an outstanding example of cooperation and class spirit, when you consider that of the 75 seniors, each one has in some way helped to make possible the yearbook.

You wouldn't believe that an ice cream sandwich sold, or a sack of pop corn popped, could produce a line of print or a little color in the annual. You wouldn't think that a few hours of work with paste and tissue paper could make a finished book. Of course not, but multiply those hours to the tune of 75 seniors who won't be beat, and you will have an annual that can't be beat—so we hope.

It was a green and inexperienced group that assembled early in September to get the ball rolling. But before we knew it, ideas and more ideas were falling thick and fast, and the staff was beginning to function as such under the help and direction of our advisers, Miss Breese and Miss Swanson.

EDITORIAL STAFF

The responsibility and duties of editor fell on the shoulders of Jim Hickok, with Jean Van Etten as assistant editor. Jim and Jean both unselfishly gave much time and hard work — the kind that pays off in a well-planned annual. In choosing layouts, division pages, and captions, they were aided by feature editor Paula Stenger. Joe Brady designed the cover and art work.

Each of the other associate editors was chairman of a different committee and responsible for that phase of the Atodnem, whether it be copy (Rosemary Gallagher), sports (Dave Westerman), business (Lamar Brewbaker), photography (Donna Prescott and Marguerite Magnusson), or typing (Ruth Rapp and Gloria Nelson).

Standing: D. Prescott, D. Westerman, M. Magnusson, L. Brewbaker, R. Rapp, P. Stenger, J. Brady, R. Gallagher.

Seated: Miss Breese, J. Van Etten, Asst. Editor, J. Hickok, Editor, Miss Swanson.

COPY COMMITTEE

The terrific job of writing and rewriting, checking and measuring all copy fell to this hard working committee. Rosemary Gallagher, as chairman, made the assignments and supervised the work. It was her job to see that deadlines were met and that copy got to the printer on time. By the time the annual went to press Rosemary was counting picas in her sleep.

Top Row: J. Brady, A. Loach, D. Serup, J. Hickok, C. McMahon, J. Van Meter, P. Faber, D. Westerman, L. Brewbaker, J. Jackson (not pictured)

Second Row: G. Nelson, M. Brown, T. Watson, D. Hansen, R. Barr, S. Munson, N. Reeser.

First Row: J. Johnson, B. Gehler, P. Stenger, R. Gallagher, Chr., B. Lucas, M. Durham, J. Van Etten.

BUSINESS STAFF

This staff directed the activities of the finance committee which was comprised of the entire senior class. These financial wizards managed to keep the budget of the senior class balanced with amazing skill. The whole staff worked together to get the funds to put out the best annual ever. Lamar, business manager, was the muscles of the outfit, bringing the pop and ice cream up to the high school before every game. Don and Dave took care of equipment. Thelma as class treasurer had a full time job in keeping the financial records. Eunice, Betty and Mary Grace lined up workers for the games and carried all business announcements to their fellow classmen. John Jackson, class president, had a full time job as co-ordinator of all activities.

Left to Right: D. Serup, A. Loach, T. Watson, E. Hochstatter, L. Brewbaker Chr., B. Gehler, D. Westerman, J. Jackson (not pictured)

TYPING COMMITTEE

The typing committee did a swell job of keeping the typewriters of MHS busy. Ruth Rapp and Gloria Nelson were co-chairmen and assigned the material to be typed to the various individuals in the committee. All members patiently typed and retyped the articles submitted. Their speed and accuracy were something to make Miss Brown proud of them.

tanding: V. Vincent, G. Nelson Co-Chr., J. Widmer, B. Pohl, M. Vincent.

eated: M. Magnusson, R. Rapp Co-Chr., L. Magnusson, B. Sauer.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

All last fall, the photography committee was busy with their cameras catching various poses of the students throughout the school and campus. Co-chairmen Donna Prescott and Marguerite Magnusson did an admirable job directing the work of making this year's snap pages attractive and interesting and spent long hours cutting and pasting the pictures and getting them ready to send to the engraver.

tanding: C. McMahon, P. Stenger, J. Hickok, D. Jones, M. Meyer, J. Hoover, B. Lucas, D. Westerman, M. Stremlau, R. Gallagher.

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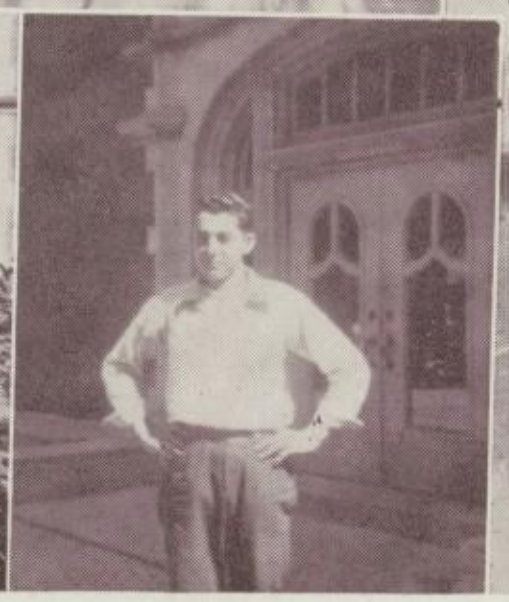
Bored of Education . . . .



Will You Remember . . . .

All Tuned up for "The Crusaders

Under the capable direction of Mr. Pierce the music department had another very successful season. Even last summer the band was not idle; with the help of some alumni they put on a series of outdoor concerts which met with the enthusiastic approval of Mendota citizens. The music room at the high school was open eight hours a day, and Mr. Pierce was busy with a full schedule of individual lessons aimed at improving this year's band.

This fall the marching band had a full calendar performing at the Trojan football games. This band was drilled to marching precision and learned various formations that aided in making the half-time intermissions more interesting.

The band also had a front seat at the basketball games as they supplied the musical part of the enjoyment. On one occasion Mr. Pierce was suddenly taken ill, but the band was able to carry on at the game due to the capable direction of Nancy

DIRECTOR
William Pierce

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Miriam Otterbach
Donna Momeny
Dorthea Kofoed
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Marian Vincent

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John Jackson
Carol Amfahr
Ruth Rapp
Robert Roach
Bruce Wilhelm
Marie Kreiser

FRENCH HORNS
Robert Mauntel
Nancy Blotch
Carol Hoffman

BASSES
Robert Cotton
Bill Pedersen

Overture" by the Concert Band . . . .

Yost, student director. It is in such times of need as this that the band proves its value in teaching, besides music, discipline — and responsibility — and resourcefulness.

The beginners' band of last year was combined with the regular concert band this year. Since the band lost many members with the class of '47, the addition of the beginners was welcomed. Some of these boys and girls have been playing only a year or two but are doing a fine job and should be congratulated. The concert band entered the music contests in the spring and gave a concert locally.

Projects this year, such as tag days, benefit games, etc., have been directed toward the purchase of an oboe and a bassoon, instruments badly needed to make ours a fully instrumented band.

FLUTES
Janet Schaller
Nancy Cummings
Nancy Yost
Nancy Doermann
Betty Rave
Joanne Oester
Greta Larson

PERCUSSION
Robert Holler
Jack Tower
Darlene Mathesius
Dean Mosher
William La Shonse
Nancy Mathesius

BASS CLARINET
Barbara Brown

ALTO CLARINET
Marian Stein

SAXOPHONES
Maralyn Ashley
Jerrine Heiman
Carol Roehm
Carol Pohl
Shirley Radtke
Don Pedersen

BARITONES
James Finley

OBOE
Bonnie Gallaway

TROMBONES
Jim Van Meter
Dorothy Wilhelm
Robert Politsch
Beverly Preston
Ronald Childers
Marilyn Ehlers
Jane Henkel
Jerry Coonen
Norma Wolfe

"Say It With Music . . . .

Something new was added to the department this year: two men from the Vander Cook School of Music in Chicago came every Monday to give lessons in brass and woodwind. About ninety-eight per cent of the band members took advantage of this opportunity to get specialized training. The band as a whole has benefited greatly from this emphasis on the improvement of individual excellence, for, as Mr. Pierce has paraphrased it, "No band is stronger than its weakest instrument."

Due to the fine outward drive on the part of Mr. Pierce to improve the band department, many outstanding ensembles have resulted. Worthy of notice were the flute quartet, trumpet trio, brass quartet, saxophone quartet, and numerous others. Throughout the year the various ensembles were called upon to perform for many civic organizations.

Two octets were formed at the beginning of the year as a branch of the mass girls' chorus. Despite the lack of time necessary for superior work, they put forth that much extra to produce two well-harmonized groups. The regular girls' chorus was a great asset to those who were later chosen to take part in the two octets. Though the chorus made no public appearances, it aided the girls in improving the quality of their singing by hours of practice. All practices were conducted after school or during the noon hour. Much credit is due to all those who sacrificed bus rides after school or rides downtown.

Have you ever heard a boy sing with such melodious tones that your whole body seemed to be set vibrating? Come now girls, surely you must realize the fact that we have some Dick Haymes, Frank Sinatra, and Perry Como's circulating around MHS who have yet to be heard. Such was the case when Mr. Pierce started organizing a boys' octet this year. After many hours of hard practice the boys tried their fate in competition with other schools and believe it or not they got first at district. But in all sincerity they have done a very fine job this year in providing the tenor, baritone, and bass tones in the music department.

A noteworthy event of the year was the annual district music festival held at Dixon, on November 21, 1947. Both vocalists and instrumentalists represented our school at the event.

SAXOPHONE QUARTET
D. Pedersen, C. Pohl, C. Roehm, M. Ashley.

TROMBONE QUARTET
J. Van Meter, B. Politsch, M. Ehlers, B. Preston.

FLUTE QUARTET
N. Doermann, N. Yost, N. Cummings, J. Schaller.

TRUMPET TRIO
Bruce Wilhelm, Joe Brady, John Jackson
(Not pictured)

Beautiful Music"

GIRLS' OCTET

Back Row: M. Magnusson, J. Fuller, R. Rapp.

Front Row: D. Prescott, B. Preston, L. Magnusson, B. Sauer, M. Ashley, accompanist, L. Bieschke (not pictured).

BOYS' ENSEMBLE

Back Row: B. Cotton, B. McConville, B. Pedersen, R. Childers.

Front Row: R. Elsesser, D. Pedersen, D. Kofoed, accompanist, P. Shanyfelt, B. Holler, J. Jackson (not pictured).

GIRLS' CHORUS

Fourth Row: N. Wolfe, C. Pohl, M. Brewbaker, J. Schaller, B. Brown, J. Oester, C. Hoffman, M. Otterbach, M. Johnson, S. Schmitt.

Third Row: N. Mathesius, J. Fuller, N. Doermann, C. Roehm, C. Truckenbrod, M. Ehlers, N. Blotch, R. Rapp, L. Botts.

Second Row: D. Mathesius, D. Prescott, B. Sauer, P. Meyer, J. Schmidt, M. Magnusson, N. Yost, L. Magnusson, M. Ashley, B. Preston.

First Row: L. Bieschke, S. Yost, J. Herbert, P. Smith, S. Radtke, P. Martin, M. Greenwood, J. Sonntag, L. Edwards.

DISTRICT CONTEST RESULTS

Mendota's music department made a very good showing at the District Music Contest. On the 3rd of April the soloists and ensemble groups journeyed by bus to Ottawa where they captured ten first division and six second division ratings. When the band returned from Ottawa on April 10, they were the proud winners of a first division rating. All soloists and groups that received first division ratings are eligible to attend the state contest held at Taylorville, April 30 and May 1. However, due to the distance involved in traveling to Taylorville the band was unable to take advantage of the opportunity because of the expense connected in transporting two bus loads of students who were in general filled with plenty of vim, vigor, and vitality.

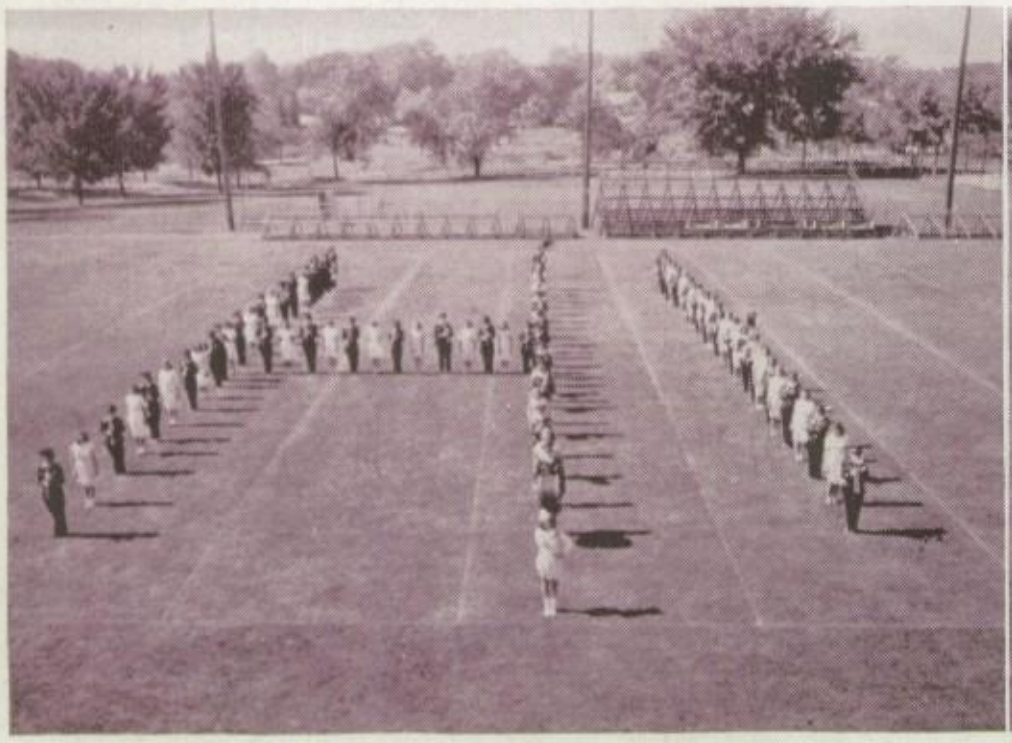
FIRST DIVISION RATINGS

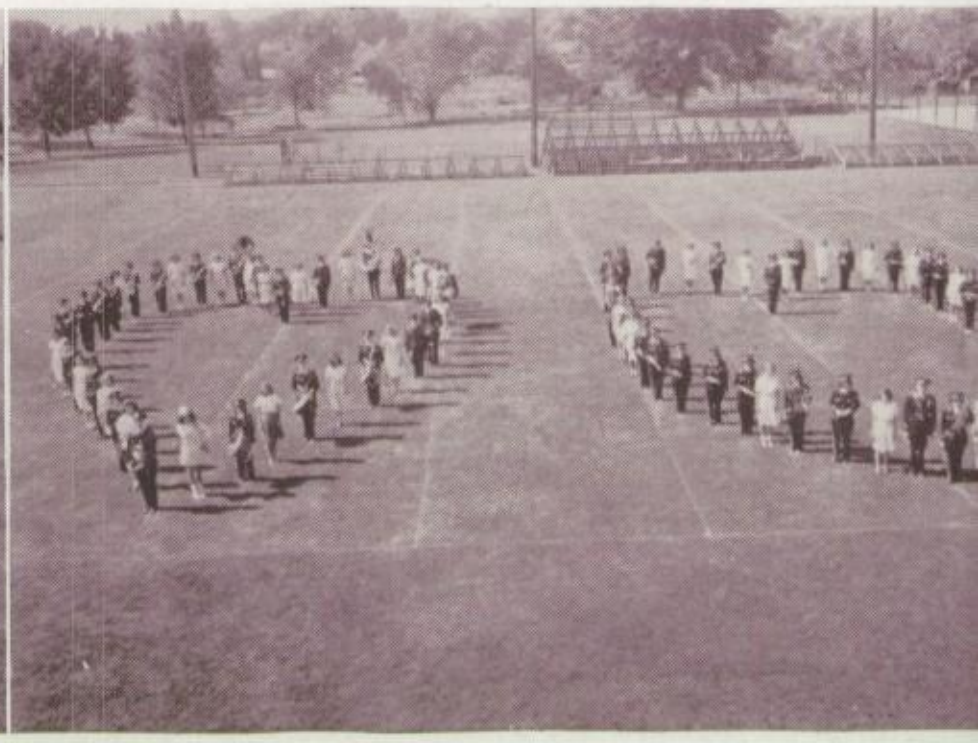
Girls' Octet
Boys' Octet
Cornet Trio
Flute Quartette
Janet Schaller—flute
James Van Meter—trombone
Beverly Preston—trombone
Bill Pedersen—bass horn
Bob Holler—vocal
Lois Bieschke—vocal

SECOND DIVISION RATINGS

Ruth Rapp—piano
Nancy Cummings—flute
Maralyn Ashley—alto sax
Shirley Booth—baton
Paul Shanyfelt—vocal
Louise Magnusson—vocal

"Hail to the Purple . . . . Hail





CADETS AND MARCHING BAND

A great credit to MHS are the Mendota cadets and marching band with their outstanding performances under the lights at football games.

This fully uniformed group, the cadets in white skirts and blouses and the band in new navy uniforms, consisted of almost fifty girls and as many band members and displayed a glorious spectacle that will long be remembered by all the '47-'48 Mendota football fans.

Before each varsity game the cadets, together with the band, welcomed the visiting team and then moved north on the athletic field for a very impressive flag raising ceremony.

Between halves of the home games the cadets and band showed their excellent marching ability in their precision marching drills and formations. Orchids to Mr. Pierce for without the efforts put forth by him these complicated performances would not have been possible.

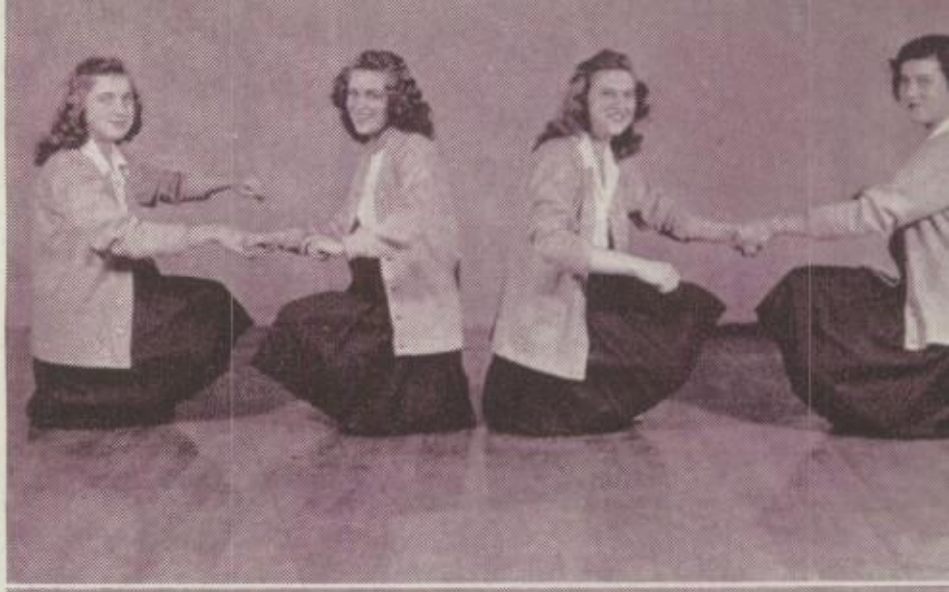
Fourth Row: E. Stein, M. C. Stremlau, B. Johnson, M. Wolfe, L. Durham, N. Cotton, J. Klein.
Third Row: B. Shoemaker, D. Hartford, J. Nelson, D. Opsal, D. Opsal, S. Gorman, J. Shannon.
Second Row: L. Schaver, P. Smith, J. Dunn, A. Widmer, L. Wixom, C. Truckenbrod, T. Ward.
First Row: Mr. Pierce, M. Greenwood, L. Bieschke, D. Prescott, R. Bunton, J. Jackson, G. Nelson.

to the Gold"

MAJORETTE

Twirl — Spin — Flip! Our majorette, Shirley Booth was very active this year in giving many fine demonstrations of baton twirling. Many hours of practice went into her fine and interesting routines for the spectators. At every football and basketball game, as well as leading the band in parades, Shirley is always on the job. She got her start in baton twirling when she was a freshman. This was her junior year at MHS so everyone will be looking forward to another year of her fine and expert twirling.

Shirley Booth — Drum Majorette

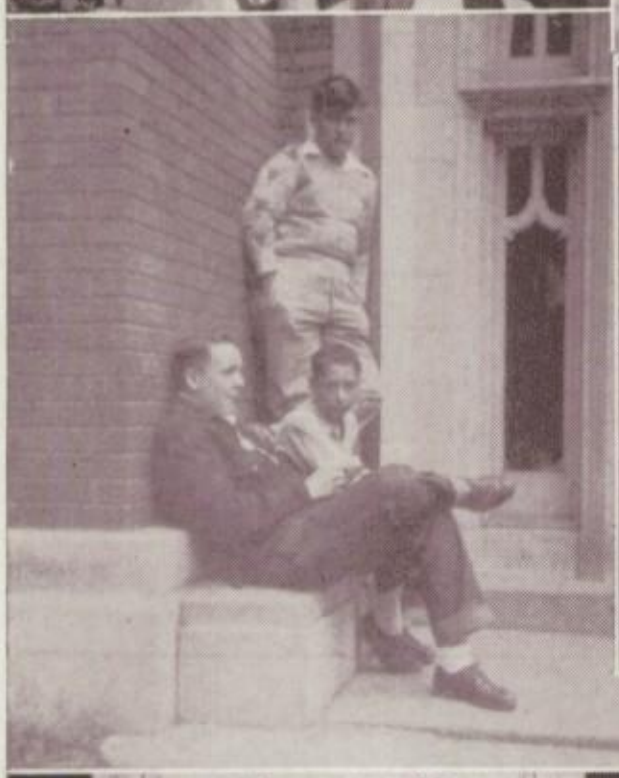


CHEERLEADERS

Energy and enthusiasm, that's what it takes! The four varsity cheerleaders, Eunice Hochstatter, Jane Laws, Marjean Brown, and Betty Brown, had plenty of both and helped the team to many a victory. They planned pep sessions and introduced new yells. New uniforms, purple skirts and gold sweaters with "Pep Squad" on the back, were purchased this year.

Two gals who really kept up the frosh-soph team spirit are Elsie Bunnell and Marna Brewbaker. They followed the Jay-Tees to all the games and gave out with the cheers.

This year something new was added to the cheering squad: two little girls, Karen Doenier and Judy Pry. They picked up the cheers by watching the older girls and did a marvelous job.



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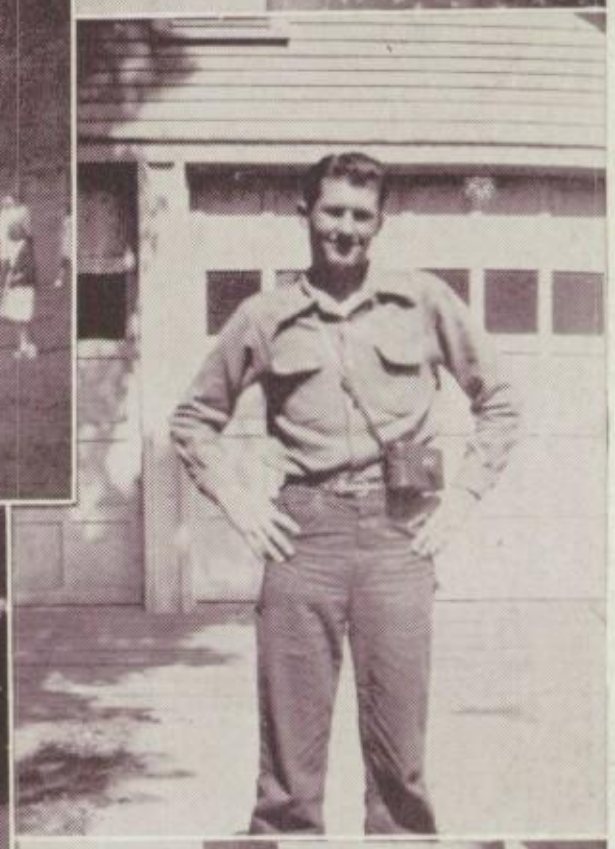
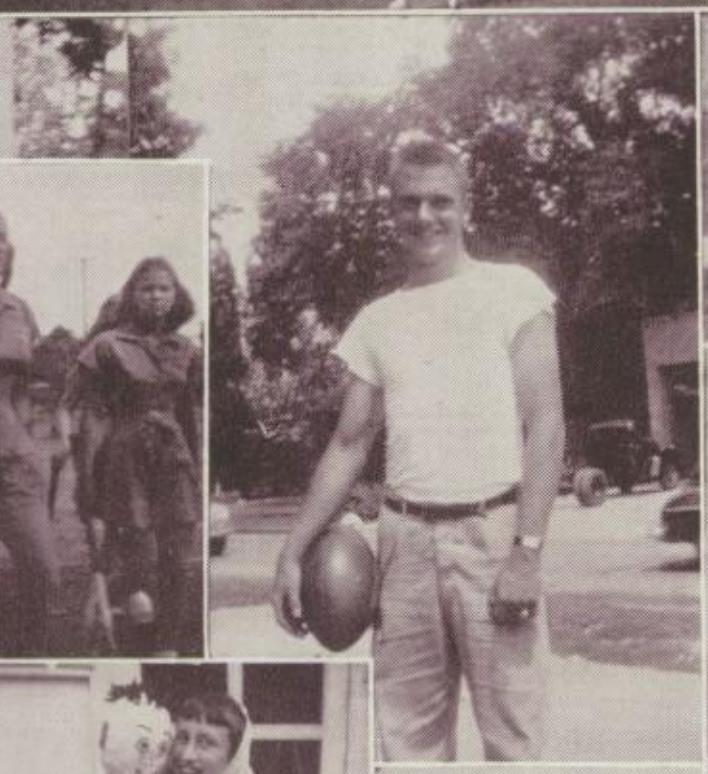




Good Old Golden Rule Days

Fourth Row: M. G. Spenader, J. Schaller, J. Oester, C. McMahon, J. Henkel, J. Van Etten, R. Gallagher, M. Otterbach
Third Row: N. Doermann, B. Gehler, M. Ehlers, L. Durham, R. Henkel, P. Stenger, M. Brown, B. Pohl
Second Row: D. Morris, M. Ashley, D. Hansen, P. Bunton, L. Edwards, J. Widmer, N. Yost, D. Mathesius
First Row: M. Bowne, J. Jackson, D. Prescott, N. Reeser, L. Bieschke, D. Hartford, C. Simpson

GAA *for Fun and Health . . .*

"I promise to uphold the ideals of the Girls' Athletic Association:
By promoting interests in athletics and the out-of-doors;
By living so that I may be healthy and strong;
By making good sportsmanship a constant factor in my conduct."

The GAA was well represented by the four classes with the total number of members reaching the sixty mark.

This year brought about many changes in the club. First was a change in the meetings. Previously two fifteen minute sessions were held each month at which business was discussed. This old method was abolished, and it was decided to have one meeting a month which would last approximately one hour. At this time business would first be taken care of, and then a program and refreshments would follow. This proved very satisfactory, and more members attended the meetings.

GAA BOARD

(pictured at right)

Second Row: M. Ashley, social chairman; G. Weiss, volley-ball manager; C. Truckenbrod, freshman representative; C. Simpson, basketball manager; B. Brown, baseball manager; C. Pohl, track manager; M. Brown, individual sports manager.

First Row: J. Schaller, treasurer; M. G. Spenader, secretary; B. Gehler, president; Lola Edwards, vice president.

On November 13, the second change took place. This was a formal initiation of the new members. During the day, as before, the prospective members were clad in weird costumes of many descriptions, but in the evening the formal initiation took place. Board members gave speeches, and each member took the club oath. Then the new members were escorted by old members to the vice president, who gave each an insignia pin.

In February, Heart Sister week was held. During this week each girl in school had a heart sister whom she bestowed with a little gift each day. As a grand finale a banquet was held, which was sponsored by the GAA.

The annual alumnae hockey and basketball games were held in October and December respectively. The alumnae were the victors in both games, but a grand time was had by all.

The GAA also had a place in the homecoming parade. The float had as its theme "Feudin' an' Fightin' ". Representatives from all classes were aboard with their beards, jugs, and shotguns. This is another example of the GAA's participation in school activities.

Fourth Row: S. Schmitt, M. Johnson, C. Pohl, W. Mahar, B. Brown, M. Brewbaker, B. Rave, C. Hoffman, N. Wolfe.
Third Row: S. Radtke, B. Johnson, M. Spanier, C. Truckenbrod, D. Momeny, G. Larson, N. Blotch, M. Wagner, N. Cummings.
Second Row: A. Widmer, B. Shoemaker, A. Crane, B. Galloway, N. Kettleborough, J. Dunn, L. Wixom, E. Austin, N. Mathesius.
First Row: L. Edwards, D. Opsal, J. Brunner, M. Fox, J. Sonntag, S. Yost, M. Greenwood, J. Herbert, D. Opsal.

Top Row: E. Joerger, J. Rod, W. Frank, R. McConville, D. Hitchins, D. Didier, D. Bauer, D. McConville.

Third Row: K. Piller, M. Jackson, D. Edgcomb, N. Bauer, G. Foote, M. Hoelzer.

Second Row: T. Ethridge, R. Worsley, G. Ehlers, A. Rod, D. Mahaffey, L. Truckenbrod, G. Hochstatter.

First Row: W. Munson, Mr. Morris, J. Finley, J. Jackson, J. Truckenbrod, R. Ayers.

The FFA Live by Their Creed:

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds — achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days, through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

The Mendota chapter of Future Farmers of America has been a very active organization during the 1947-48 school year. Thirty-five vocational agriculture boys were members during the year. Fourteen boys were initiated into the chapter in September.

Officers for the year were John S. Jackson, president; Jack Truckenbrod, vice president; Kenneth Kreiser, secretary; Donald Ayers, treasurer; Keith Sterchi, reporter; and Fred Morris, adviser.

Those showing at the Sandwich and Mendota fairs were very successful. Mendota won the championship banners for the beef group. Many firsts and seconds were taken by Mendota boys in these fairs. The Rod brothers again were exhibitors at the International held in Chicago.

Thanks to Mr. Stephenitch of Mendota, the FFA members were conducted on a tour of the International Harvester Exposition held in Chicago. Also, some boys and their fathers visited the International show and the Swift and Co. packing house in December.

Many demonstrations and tours were conducted by Mr. Morris. The combined agriculture classes visited Bauers of Mendota to witness a demonstration of fitting and showing purebred livestock.

Keith Sterchi won the county division of the contest sponsored by the State Wild Life Preservation Bureau. Keith was entitled to a week's free attendance at the Illinois state camp for wild life preservation. Keith also won second prize of five dollars on his story of supervised farming in the National Farm Youth Magazine.

The Mendota chapter sponsored a donkey basketball game to raise funds for the organization. The FFA boys played their fathers in the feature game.

The Parent and Son banquet was held December 11, with Dr. Deyoe of the University of Illinois as the main speaker.

Many activities were carried out in the chapter program of work. Some of these were: improving poultry, pest contest, conservation of soil, pruning trees, safety posters, planting trees, bulletin board, feeding stations, library, FFA metal signs, trips, recreation, chapter contests, softball, basketball, parties, turkey raffle, honorary member, class demonstrations, and donkey basketball game.

Fifth Row: N. Wolfe, S. Schmitt, M. Johnson, D. Morsch, J. Van Etten, C. McMahon, M. Eddy, M. Stevenson, P. Stenger, J. Heiman.
Fourth Row: M. Myers, P. Meyer, B. Johnson, L. Edwards, B. Pohl, B. Lucas, B. Gehler, N. Cotton, J. Widmer, M. Brown.
Third Row: D. Opsal, R. Bunton, L. Wixom, L. Magnusson, G. Nelson, D. Hansen, R. Rapp, D. Prescott, E. Hochstatter, M. Kreiser, A. Crane.
Second Row: L. Edwards, J. Barufe, D. Opsal, L. Svendsen, M. Fox, L. Shaver, L. Hoadley, A. Rohs, J. Herbert, J. Brunner, C. Simpson.
First Row: Mrs. Doenier, J. Jackson, G. Larson, D. Stevenson, J. Laws, B. Brown, M. Otterbach, B. Brown, Miss Salzman.

Active FHA *Group Organizes*

To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfaction of homemaking;
To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership;
To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life;
To provide wholesome individual and group recreation;
To further interest in home economics.

The local chapter of Future Homemakers of America, a national society for girls majoring in home economics, is a new organization at MHS and was started the second semester of the '46-'47 school year under the direction of Miss Salzman.

Approximately fifty-five attended the first meeting of the FHA last September, proving from the start that this would be an active organization during the coming year. The following officers were installed: Jane Laws, president; Dorothy Stevenson, vice president; Greta Larson, secretary; Miriam Otterbach, treasurer; Betty Brown, program chairman; Barbara Brown, scrapbook chairman; Jo Ann Jackson, degree chairman; and Mrs. Doenier, chapter mother.

The meetings were held twice a month. The business meeting is the first Wednesday of the month and the business-social the third Wednesday of the month, the latter being an evening meeting.

A formal initiation was held on September 24 for the new members, with President Jane Laws presiding. Several old members gave talks on the ideals and standards of the FHA. Then, at a candle-light ceremony, the initiated, with their individual candles, read the FHA pledge. Lunch was served by the refreshment committee. The mothers were invited to attend this impressive meeting.

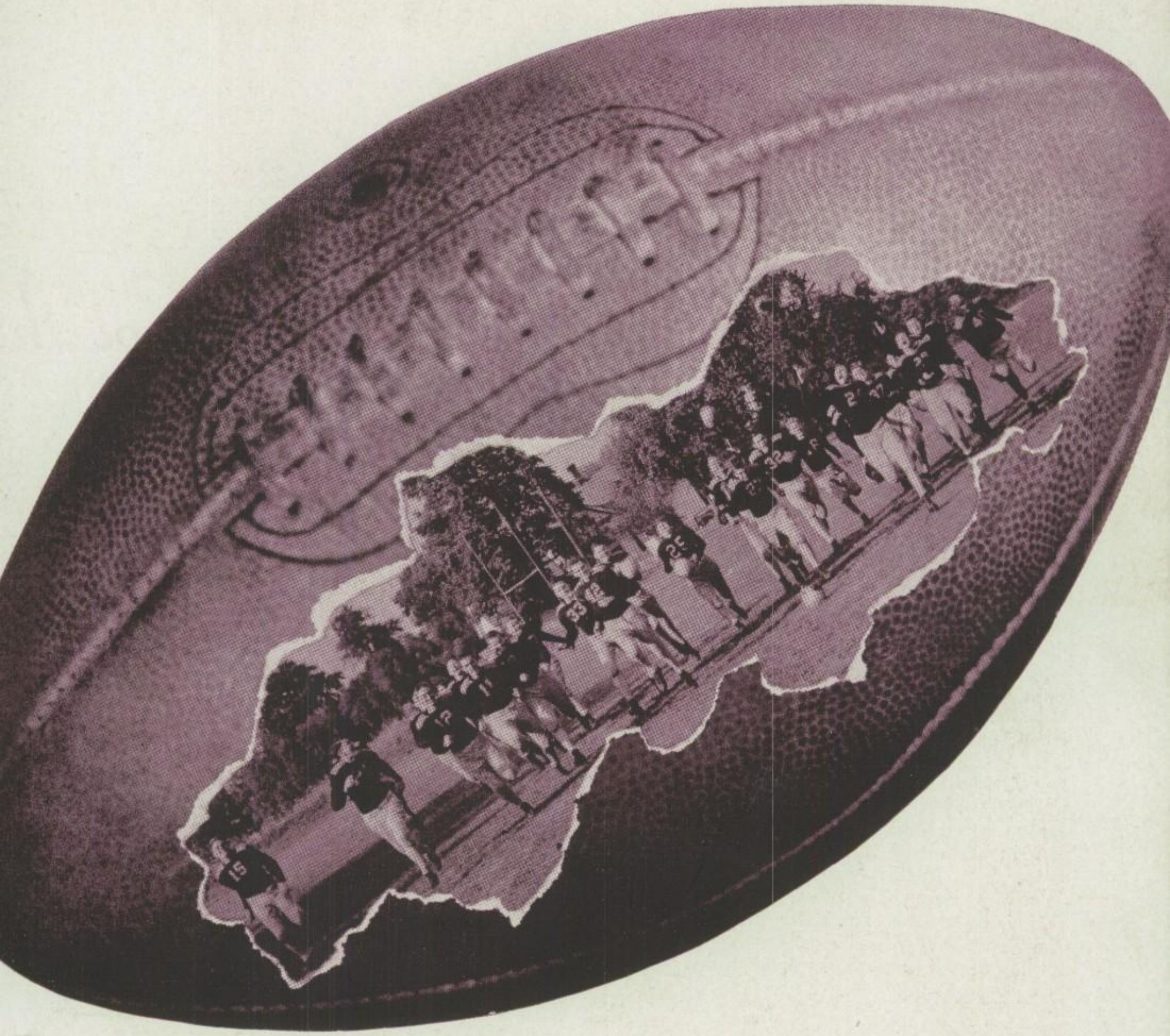
The FHA and FFA together sponsored a Sadie Hawkins party November 14. The girls had the privilege of inviting the boys. The main event of the evening was the crowning of Daisy Mae and Little Abner. Norma Cotton was chosen as Daisy Mae and Wayne Ritter as Little Abner. Darlene Mathesius and George Leonard were the runners up. These four were chosen because their costumes were the typical dog-patch style. Everyone had an enjoyable time at the party, which was the first of its kind at MHS for some time.

During the '47-'48 school year this group of FHA girls have had many enjoyable times together at such things as picnics, hayrides, going Christmas caroling, and the monthly social parties.

ATHLETICS

All Sports Snaps

VARSITY



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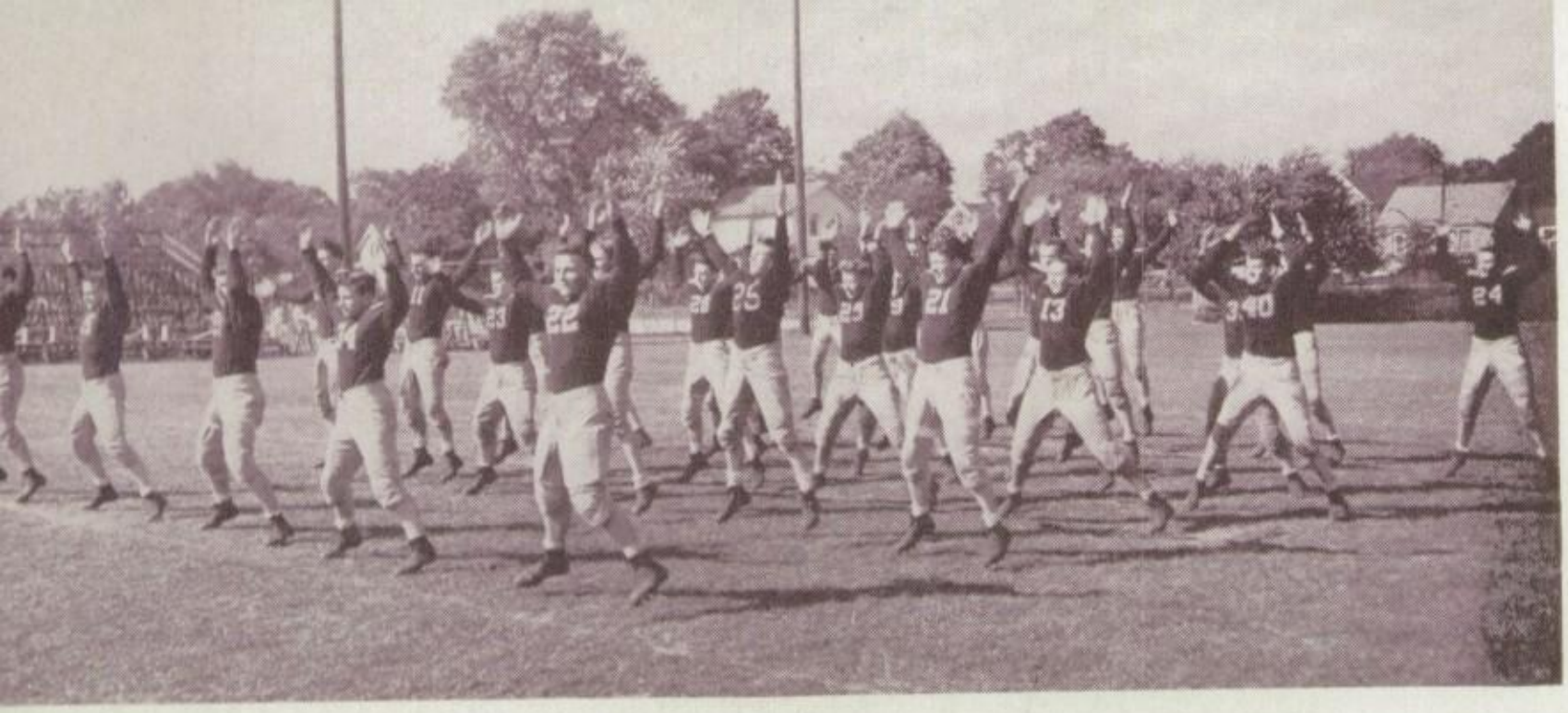

We've Got the Pep, We've Got the

VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Mendota Trojans began their '47 season under the supervision of a new coach. George E. Lewis, former University of Iowa football star and war veteran, was selected as the new squad mentor. Fourteen returning lettermen and eleven good prospects from the frosh-sophomore team were among the twenty-nine boys who turned out for the opening practice. The previous year letter winners were: backs, Captain Lamar Brewbaker, Dave Westerman, Al Loach, Jim Hickok, Charlie Wilhelm, and Wayne Eckert; ends, Penny Faber, Don Serup, and John Jackson; tackles, Bill Kuehl, Norman Dewey, and Jim Van Meter; guards, Jerry Johnson and Don Sibigtroth; those on the varsity for their first year were: Rusty Krenz, Ed Gehant, Don Ryan, Bob Magnusson, Lester Kramer, Bill Hochstatter, Jim Schwemlein, Melvin Worsley, Vernon Anderson, John McConville, Glen Karl, Don Pedersen, Keith Sterchi, Dale Fischer, and Bob Politsch. Bob and Don Ayers were squad members for a short time but had to quit because of transportation problems.

The preliminary practices went quickly, and soon a small, tough, and fast moving outfit was awaiting its first opposition. The Trojans' hard charging forward wall and quick hitting backfield showed perfect co-ordination when they scalped the Morris Indians 32-0 in the season opener. The team proved preseason predictions, and the prospects of a good year arose.

The following week the orange and black were host to their traditional rivals, the Amboy Milkmen. The game provided a hard fight, an even contest between two determined teams, but the home team repulsed the northern invaders with a 14-6 victory.

The conquering gridders then lay idle a week because of an open date. Gridiron activity commenced the next Friday when they traveled to Rock Falls to play their initial conference game. Both teams scored the first half and Mendota's failure to make the extra point handed them a one point loss. Neither team was able to cross the other's goal the second half, and a fourth-quarter field goal that was wide of the uprights was the Trojan's last chance of victory, and they fell to the short end of a 7-6 score.

The team's luck proved no better when they dropped their fourth start to the DeKalb Barbs 18-0. The squad fought hard and valiantly, but numerous fumbles shattered their scoring chances. The faltering Trojan defense was unable to check the rampaging Barb offense.

The jinx continued as the Princeton Tigers roared over the Trojans 19-12. The team gave a fine exhibition of football but could never seem able to push across a winning T.D.

Everything turned from bad to worse the following week when the Rochelle Hubs came to town. The Hubs handed Mendota their worst beating of the year as they clinched the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference with a 34-7 win.

VARSITY LETTER WINNERS

Major Awards:

Jerry Johnson
Donald Sibigtroth
Lamar Brewbaker
David Westerman
Donald Serup
Penny Faber
Albert Loach
William Kuehl
James Hickok
Norman Dewey
John Jackson
Edward Gehant
Russell Krenz
Charles Wilhelm
James Van Meter
William Hochstatter
Lester Kramer
Robert Magnusson
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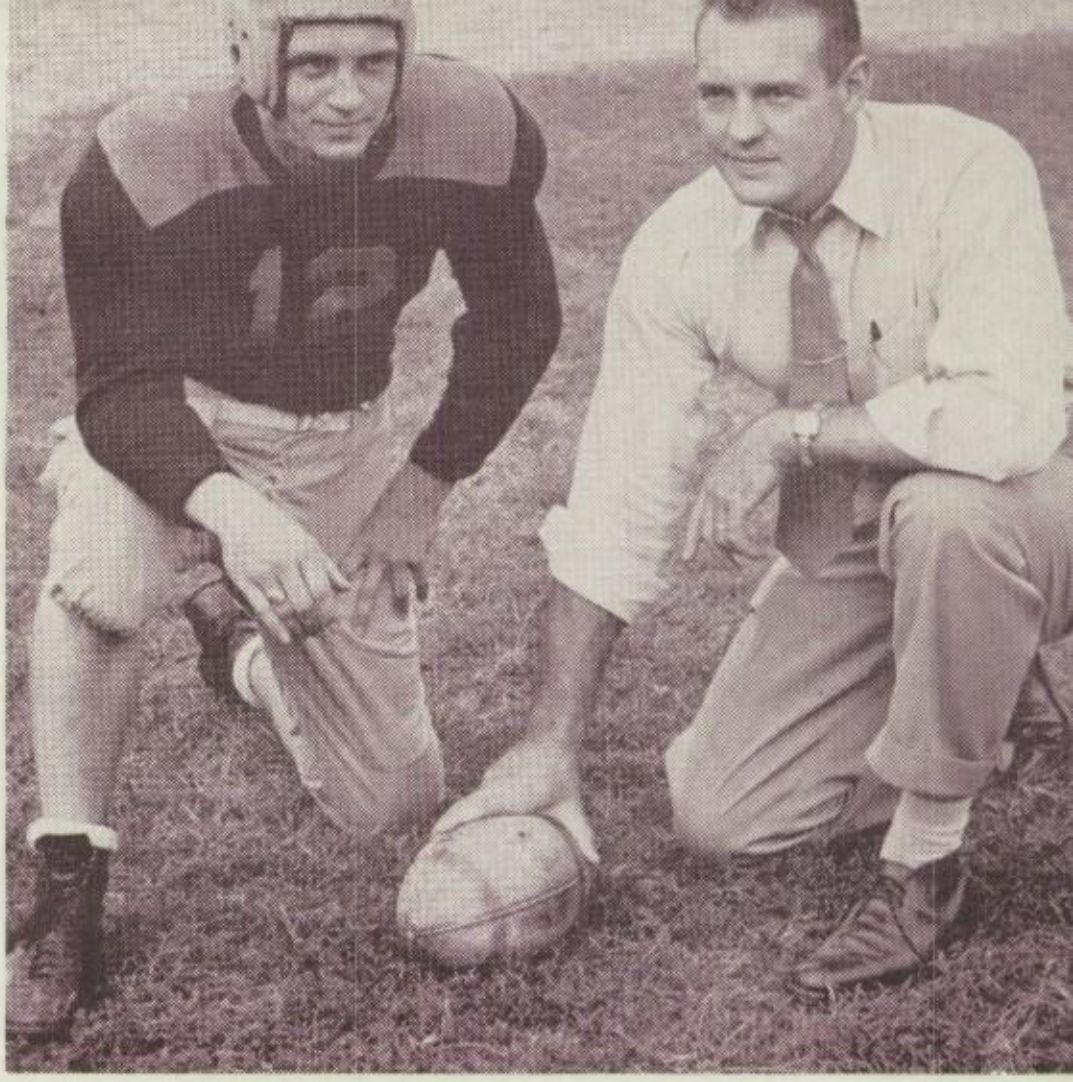

Steam . . . .

The Mendota homecoming game with Geneseo arrived. The victory-hungry Trojans could not be kept starving forever. They grabbed their first conference win from the Maple Leafs to the score of 26-14. The forward wall ripped large holes for the scampering backs as they tore for the opponents' goal.

The Trojans then met the Ottawa Pirates, undisputed winner of the North Central Conference. The team played stubbornly against the Pirates' attack but a superior team dropped the Trojans to the small side of a 27-6 finish.

A brief resumé of the season shows the Trojans won three (Morris, Amboy, Geneseo) and lost five (Rock Falls, DeKalb, Princeton, Rochelle, and Ottawa). The statistics show that Mendota played a fair brand of ball although their losses exceeded their wins. They were outscored by their opponents 125-103 and fell behind in total yards gained 2353 to 2135. They made 84 first downs to the opposition's 68 and completed 36 of 79 attempted passes. The games were never dull from lack of excitement, as the fighting Trojans played good football and always showed up with plenty of fight against the toughest opposition.

Third Row: Coach Lewis, A. Loach, J. Jackson, J. Hickok, E. Gehant, P. Faber, J. Van Meter, W. Kuehl, N. Dewey, W. Hochstatter, D. Serup.

Second Row: D. Sibigtroth, V. Anderson, D. Fischer, R. Magnusson, R. Politsch, R. Krenz, D. Pedersen, J. Schwemlein, M. Worsley, L. Kramer, R. Losee — Mgr.

First Row: L. Brewbaker, W. Eckert, D. Westerman, J. Johnson, C. Wilhelm, D. Ryan, K. Sterchi, J. McConville, G. Karl.

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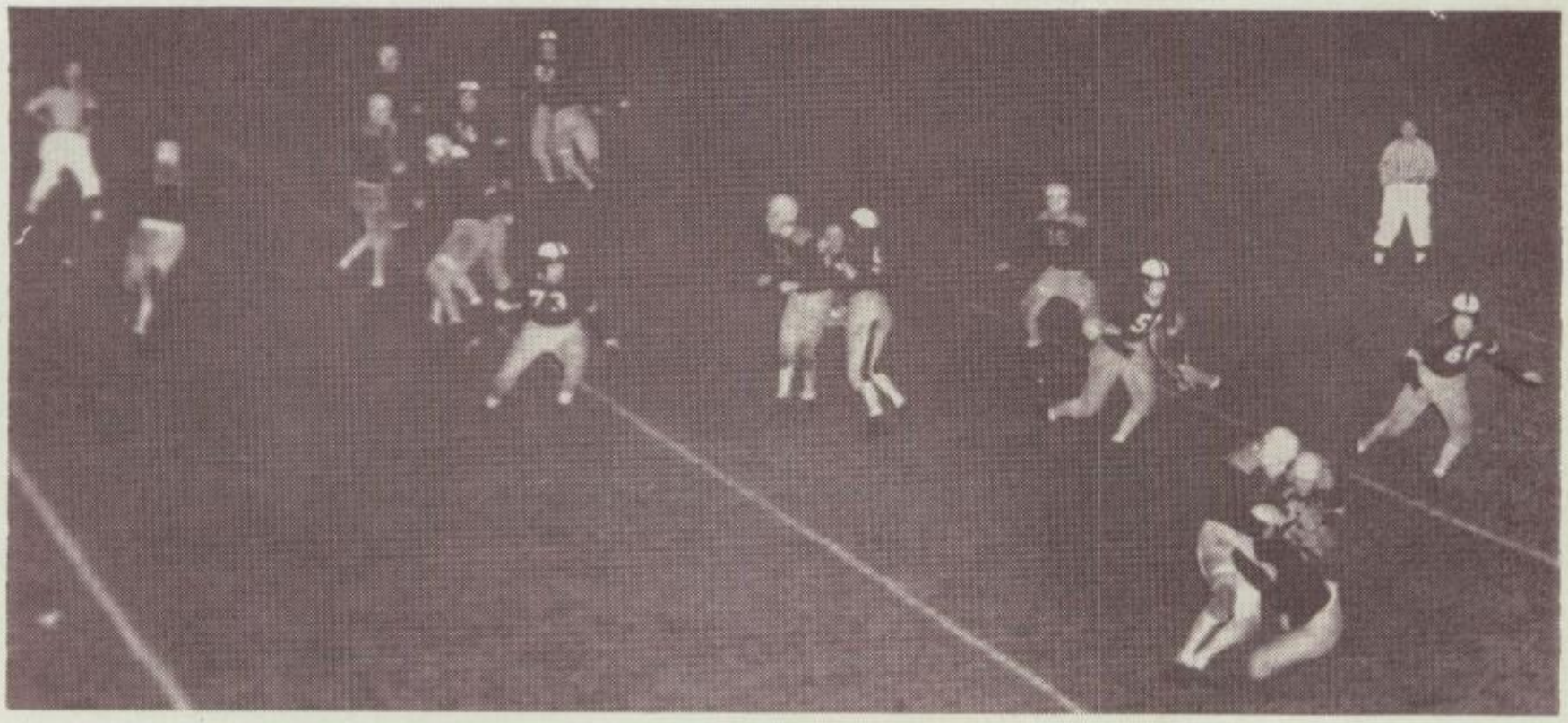


Meet the Fighting Trojans . . . .

John Jackson—41. A consistent starter at right end, John was a strong defensive player and a sure catch pass receiver. Senior.

Penny Faber—26. A regular end, Penny received a hand injury, but he was still able to snag plenty of passes to move the ball down the field. Senior.

Norman Dewey—37. One of the bigger boys on the squad, Norman played tackle. He knew how to use his weight and how to steal the ball from the opposing backs. Senior.

William Kuehl—32. Another of the big tackles, Bill was a real fighter and a reliable man on either offense or defense. Senior.

Donald Sibigtroth—33. One of the "Little Ones", Don held down the right guard position. He was well known by all opponents for his fight and aggressiveness. Senior.

Jerry Johnson—23. The other "Little One", Jerry saw plenty of action at left guard. A leg injury kept him from seeing but limited time in several of the games. Senior.

Russell Krenz—45. It was around Rusty that most of the action started. Playing offensive center he upheld the spot well. Senior (not pictured).

Vernon Anderson—18. A reserve center and line backer, Andy saw plenty of action on defense. A sure tackler and showed promise for next year. Junior.

Albert Loach—40. A versatile player, quarterbacking the varsity for his third year. Al was a good passer, kicker, and ground gainer. Honorable Mention on All-State Team. Senior.

Don Serup—24. A capable end. Don changed to fullback in the midseason and proved to be a willing man for a tough position. Senior.

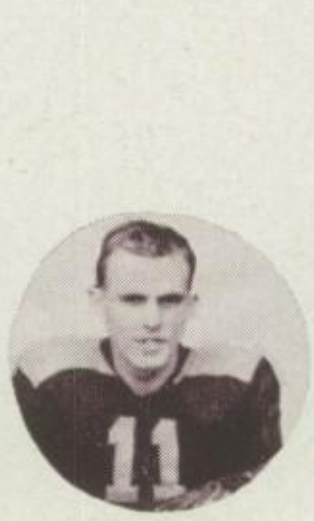
Dave Westerman—15. Probably the smallest and fastest man on the team. It was Dave's speed around ends or for catching goal-bound opponents that saved many a day for the Trojans. Senior.

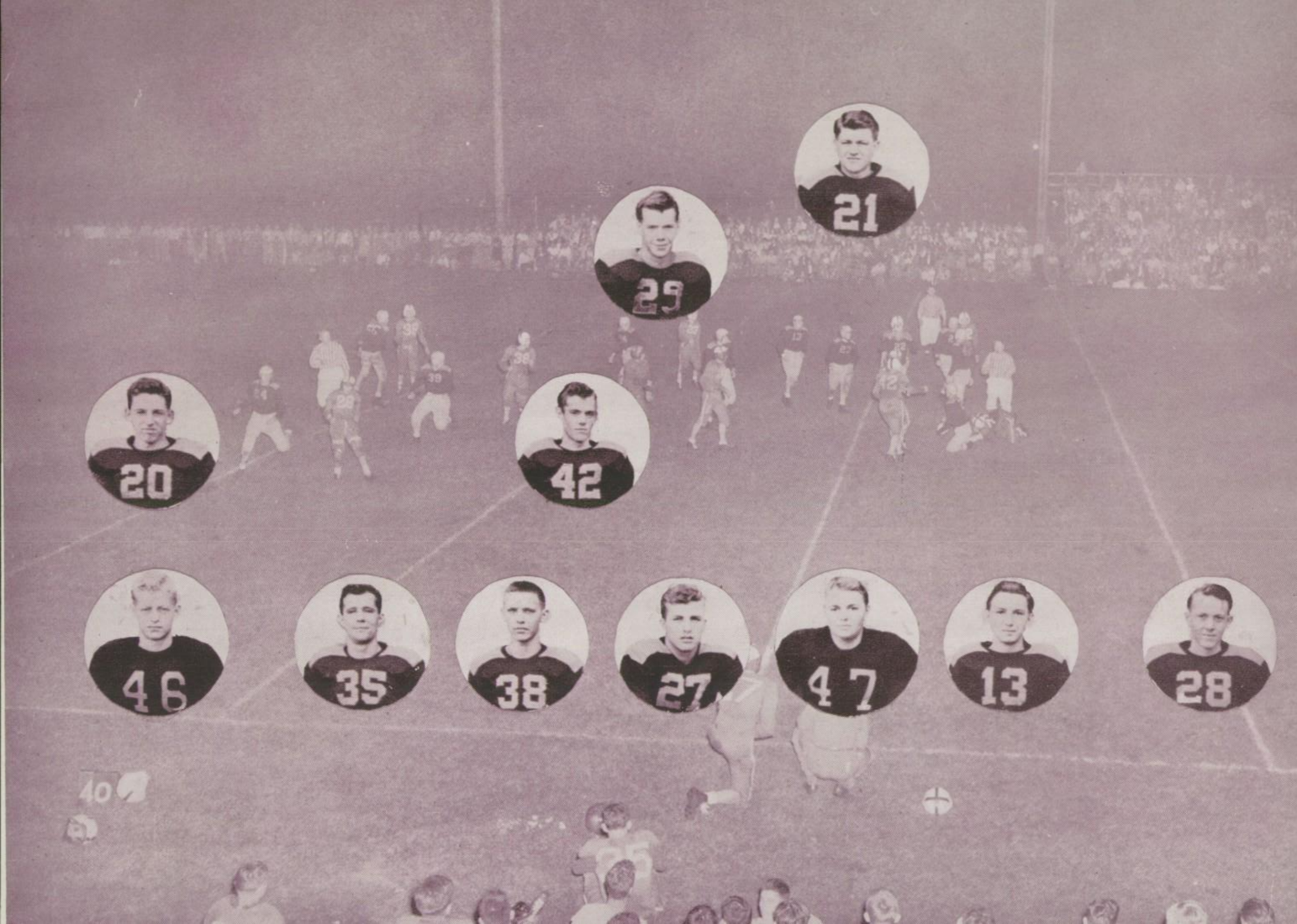
Lamar Brewbaker—12. Captain of the squad and for his fourth year a varsity starter, Lamar was the squad's leading ground gainer and scorer. Received Honorable Mention on the All-State Team. Senior.

Wayne Eckert—11. A starting fullback who was a consistent ground gainer and fine blocker, Wayne left school at midseason and joined the navy. His loss from the team was deeply felt. Sophomore.

John McConville—34. A small guard, John saw limited action because of his size but he was always in the middle of the play. Senior.

Glen Karl—25. A crafty and smart quarterback, it was Junior's small size that kept him from seeing more varsity action. Junior.

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More Trojan Grid Warriors . . . .

Robert Magnusson—46. A small end who always made his presence felt. Bob was a hard charger, good tackler and had sticky fingers for catching passes. Junior.

Robert Politsch—28. Another end who was small, Bob was a consistent player whenever in the line-up. Junior.

Jim Van Meter—38. The giant of the squad, Jim proved his worth whenever called upon. He was a good tackler and sure blocker. Senior.

William Hochstatter—35. A part time starter, Bill was one of the toughest and hardest hitting tackles on the squad. He will be a valuable man to next year's team. Junior.

Lester Kramer—13. A reserve guard who played to the best of his ability in spite of his leg injury, Lester showed promise in the several games he started. Junior.

Donald Pedersen—39. A slashing inexperienced fullback, Don gives promise of being a line plunger on next year's squad. Junior.

Melvin Worsley—22. A fierce tackler, Melvin specialized in causing and recovering fumbles whenever he was in the game. Junior.

Robert and Donald Ayres—(not pictured). Two brothers who were on the squad but a week. They were capable of being developed into good players and would have helped the team a lot.

Donald Ryan—27. A willing guard, Don did remarkably well at the position and will be a valuable asset to the team next year. Junior.

Keith Sterchi—47. A good pivot man, Keith showed up well in the games he played. Junior.

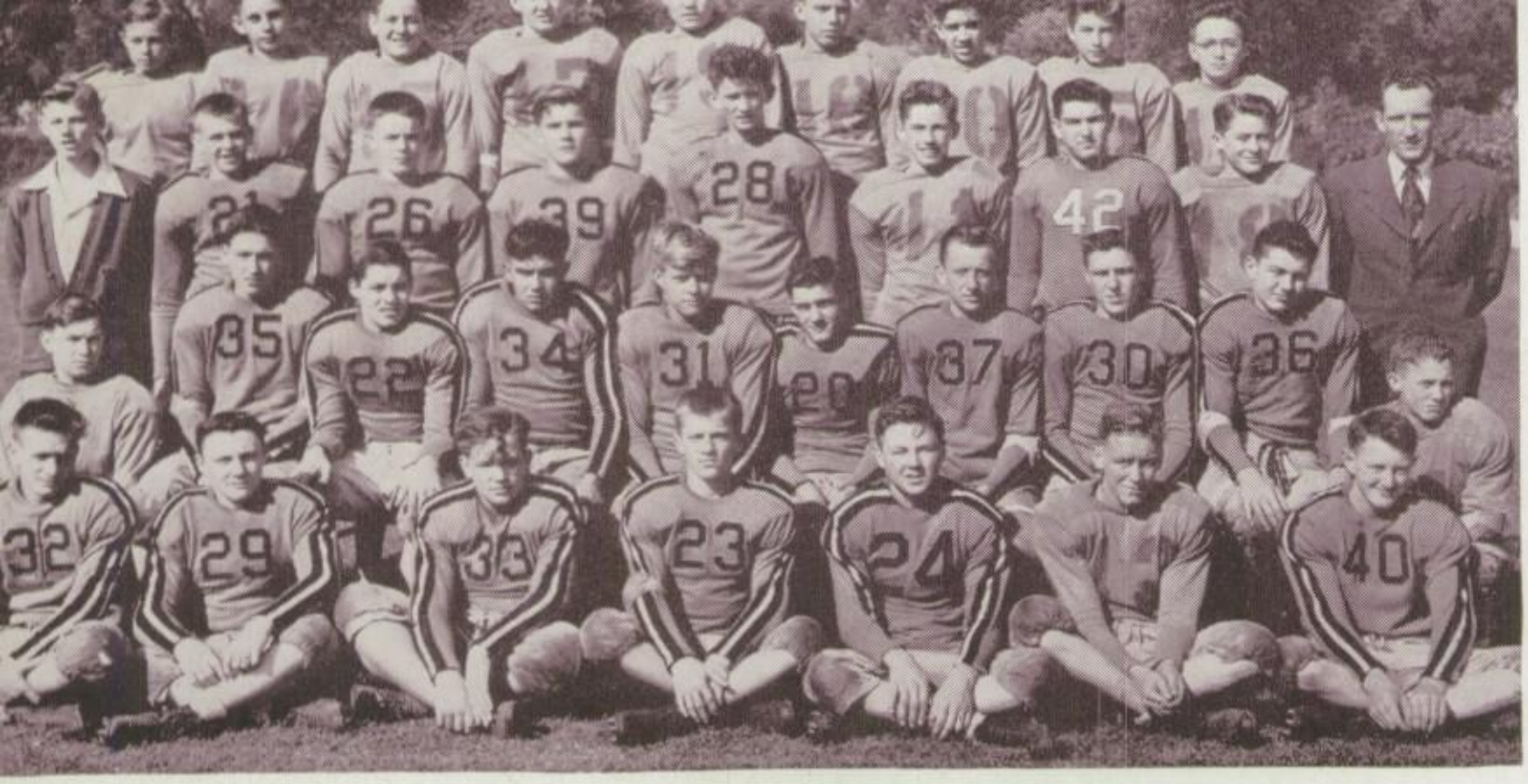
James Hickok—42. A fast and tricky passer, Jim was in the game a lot at the quarterback spot. He played the game hard and always to win. Senior.

Charles Wilhelm—21. A reliable defensive and offensive halfback, Charlie was a good kicker and pass receiver. Senior.

Edward Gehant—20. A senior transfer from West Brooklyn, Ed developed into a fast running halfback in the first year he played football. Senior.

James Schwemlein—29. An alternate halfback and fullback, Jim could be called on any time to give a good performance. Watch Jim next year. Junior.

Dale Fischer—(not pictured). A large boy on the team, Dale was inexperienced but willing to learn and showed possibilities of developing into a good lineman. Junior.



MINOR LETTER MEN

Tom Faber
Bob Mealey
Joe Dougherty
Dick Fitzsimmons
Curt Van Etten
Alan Wood
La Vere Gray (Cap)
Laurence Lau
Alan Richard
Edward Joerger
Marvin Ehlers
Duane Marcum
Benny Durand
Don Worsley
Dean Bauer
Jim Finley
Jack Truckenbrod

Fourth Row: D. Simpson, D. Thorne, D. Bauer, R. Elsesser, R. Childers, P. Walzer, P. Roach, K. Schwemlein, L. McCollum.
Third Row: R. Brunner, Mgr., T. Faber, H. Peasley, J. Truckenbrod, R. McConville, D. McConville, G. Delhotal, M. Jackson, Mr. Doenier.
Second Row: D. Taylor, B. Durand, L. Gray, E. Joerger, A. Wood, D. Marcum, L. Law, H. Phalen, A. Richard, G. Johnson.
First Row: C. Van Etten, D. Bauer, J. Dougherty, R. Fitzsimmons, D. Worsley, J. Finley, R. Mealey.

Jay Tees Hold That Line

When the football season rolled around this year it found Coach Doenier being greeted by forty eager football players. With only one returning letterman, Coach Lloyd Doenier had a real job of forming them into a grid machine. Gaining in fight what they lacked in speed and size they worked hard and soon began to look like a unit. After learning plays for the single wing as well as the T-formation they were ready for the first game.

Morris was the first opponent. Starting at the kickoff, the Jay Tees marched to an early touchdown on a pass from Marcum to Van Etten. In the second half Morris found the Mendota weak spots and made three touchdowns and a safety and went on to win, 20-6.

The following Friday the Jay Tees again appeared on the home field, this time playing the La Moille varsity. The La Moille team proved too big and experienced for the Jr. Trojans who went down in defeat 31-0.

Going away for the first time, the Jay Tees traveled to Rock Falls for their first conference game. Both teams showed power on offense and defense, and the game ended with neither team crossing the opponent's goal.

At DeKalb the Jay Tees played their second conference game. DeKalb, having a larger and faster team, showed too much power for the Jr. Trojans and went on to a 19-6 victory.

Traveling to Princeton the following Friday, the Jay Tees played perhaps one of their best games of the season. Princeton was able to score early in the game and held off the Mendota drivers the remainder of the game to win, 6-0. The final gun found the hard fighting Jay Tees on their opponents' two-yard line.

The next game found the Jay Tees looking for their first win. Fighting hard, the Jay Tees came out the victor in an upset victory over the Rochelle Jr. Hubs. With Captain LaVere Gray and Duane Marcum leading the way the Jr. Trojans rolled to a 19-0 score.

On the home field again the Jay Tees played Geneseo before the huge homecoming crowd. The team was driven to its highest spirit by the homecoming atmosphere but were unable to overcome the superior strength of the Geneseo eleven, and the Jr. Maple Leaves defeated the Jr. Trojans 20-0.

The last game of the season found the Jay Tees playing host to a very strong team from Ottawa who had not been defeated in the last three years. The Ottawa team scored in every period and went on to a 34-0 victory. They did not find the Jay Tees an easy opponent and had to fight for everything they gained.

Although the Jr. Trojans won only one game, they showed what it takes to make a good team in the future. None of the opponents found the Jay Tees an easy team to beat, as they soon found out. The experience they gained this year will be a great help to next year's team.

Cross Country . . . . Puff! Puff!

A new sport was initiated into the school's athletic program this year. This sport has been introduced in surrounding schools and has proven quite successful. An enthusiastic response to Coach Doenier's call for boys interested in a cross country team was given by Robert Waller, Lee Hoffman, Kenneth Kreizer, Theodore Fritz, Frank Joerger, Richard Parsons, Donald Truckenbrod, Joe Brady, and Robert Mauntel.

The boys underwent a rigid training program. They did conditioning exercises and calisthenics and also ran 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 miles a day. A cross country race depends largely on the boys' physical condition and endurance. The course, which is over a mile and a half in length, is full of obstacles and rough ground. The winning of the race, therefore, depends on daily conditioning.

Varsity basketball boys who were not out for football were required to prepare themselves with this conditioning. This sport is also basic in building good long distance runners for track. Letters were awarded on the basis of points earned, dependability, and hard work.

The first meet was held at Geneseo on October second. The team placed sixth in the B division with a total of 62 points.

On the eleventh of October the team traveled to Sterling to participate in a triangular meet with Princeton, Sterling, and Mendota. Team standings were not determined, but Robert Waller placed sixth and Frank Joerger seventh for Mendota.

Preceding the Princeton-Mendota football game on October seventeenth, the cross country teams from the two schools met. Princeton nosed out Mendota 26-29. In cross country the lowest score determines the winner.

Mendota was host to Ottawa on October twentieth and Earlville on October twenty-fourth. The twenty-fifth of the same month the conference meet was run off at Sterling. Mendota did not enter a full team of five boys, but Robert Waller placed eighth, Theodore Fritz, twenty-third, and Richard Parsons, twenty-fifth. Sterling won the meet. The distance run was 1.9 miles and the best time was 9:57.40.

The district cross country meet was held at Ottawa on the first of November. Kenneth Kreizer placed tenth in this meet. The ten fastest boys were awarded medals while the first five places and five winning teams advanced to state. The length of the course was 1.8 miles.

Coach Lloyd Doenier instigated this sport and should be complimented on his effort to enlarge the school's sports program.

LETTER WINNERS

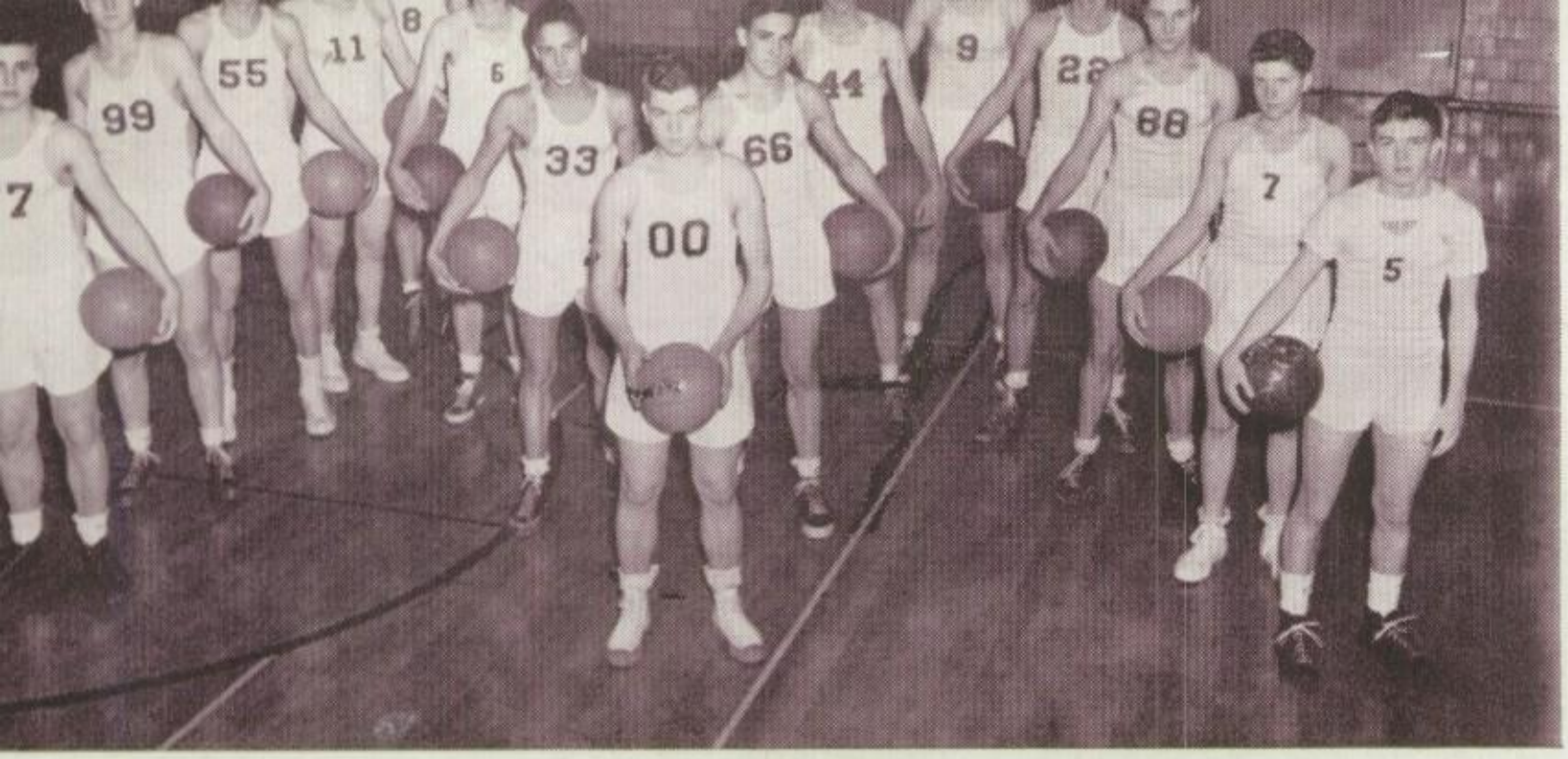
MAJOR	MINOR
Robert Waller	Richard Parsons
Lee Hoffman	
Kenneth Kreizer	
Theodore Fritz	
Frank Joerger	

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Geneseo—Invitational—there
Oct. 11 Sterling—there
Oct. 17 Princeton—there
Oct. 20 Ottawa—here
Oct. 24 Earlville—here
Oct. 25 Sterling—Conf.—there
Nov. 1 District—Ottawa

Left to right — Bob Waller (M), Hepburn (O), Frank Joerger (M), Bowermaster (O), Joe Brady (M), Reilley (O), Ken Kreizer (M), Leipold (O), Theodore Fritz (M), Andrews (O), Lee Hoffman (M).

OTTAWA-MENDOTA CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Varsity Cagers . . . . You Gotta

Coach Lloyd Doenier's mighty Mendota Trojans ended up the '47-'48 season with one of the best records the school has seen for some time. A total of 16 wins and 8 losses placed them sixth in the conference.

The season as a whole was filled with unusually close games and, from the spectator's point of view, many thrill packed contests.

The Trojans only lost two home games and each was a thriller. Two of the home conference games, DeKalb and Sterling, were won with less than 15 seconds left to play, by some long "swisher."

All the Trojans' defeats came in conference competition except the Amboy games which, although lost, were two of the Trojans most hotly contested battles.

The Mendota cagers won 4 and lost 5 conference games for a .444 percentage. Spring Valley was their first conference game and was one of the two games lost on the home floor. The Doeniermen were just one jump behind the Redmen all the way but lost in the last quarter despite Al Loach's setting a school record in scoring with 27 points. Score: 66-56.

A last period rally fell short by 7 points as the Ottawa Pirates downed the Trojans 46-38 in their second conference game. But the determined Mendotans fought back and defeated a highly favored DeKalb quintet by one point 43-42. Ed Gehant sank a 20-footer with 8 seconds left, to cinch the first conference victory.

The Rochelle game also proved to be "one of those games" as a last period rally pulled the game out of the fire 51-46.

A strong Rock Falls outfit had to really pour on the steam to hand the Trojans their third conference loss as the Rockets won 47-42.

Dixon fell victim to the rampaging Trojans 47-28 as the "Trail Crossers" completely dominated the floor.

In a spirited and desperate conflict the mighty Princeton Tigers barely crept out of the jaws of defeat in the last period by stopping the Trojans 54-49.

In the last home game of the season the Trojans whipped the Golden Warriors of Sterling in a game that was a spectator's dream. With 11 seconds remaining and Mendota one point behind, Wilhelm let one go, from way out, that marked another victory for the Mendotans 45-44.

In a very ragged game, Mendota lost to Geneseo in the last conference game 56-53.

In the Regional Tournament the Trojans again played Hall of Spring Valley. This game found the Trojans at their best. In the first 3 quarters the game was tied up, but two of the Trojans' regulars fouled out, and the Redmen in a final quarter rally edged out the Trojans 57-48.

The line-up that was in effect most of the time was Al Loach and Ed Gehant, forwards; Pen Faber

and Charlie Wilhelm, guards; and John Jackson, center. Joe Brady and Jim Hickok saw plenty of action at the guard spots. Ritter and Ryan, two juniors, were in the game repeatedly. To start the season, Coach Doenier had three returning lettermen, Loach, Wilhelm and Faber, regulars last year, and Ed Gehant, a transfer. Pen Faber and Al Loach were chosen co-captains for the season.

In scoring, Al Loach led the team with 310 points, and the team as a whole averaged 48 points a game to their opponents' 40. The Trojans broke their record in total scoring with 1153 points.

Al Loach ended his fourth year in varsity competition and was the spark of the Trojan outfit. He had a keen eye for long shots and was high point man in scoring. Al was on the first string All Conference team.

Pen Faber, lanky guard, dazzled his opponents with his tricky ball handling in getting the Trojan offense started. He also had a line drive-in shot that piled up the score. He won Conference honorable mention.

Charlie Wilhelm was also another sharp shooter and pulled more than one game out of the fire. He received Conference honorable mention also.

Ed Gehant's tricky jump sot made his a potential point gatherer at all times, and his height made him an excellent rebounder. He was a transfer from West Brooklyn.

Fight! You Gotta Win!

Joe Brady was one of the most aggressive players on the squad. His speed and ball stealing ability brought home many a victory.

Don Serup's height and scrappy fight made him a valuable reserve.

Jim Hickok was a team bolsterer with his fine rebound ability.

John Jackson, tall center, was an excellent rebounder and possessed a fine fighting spirit.

Wayne Ritter saw plenty of action under the basket and will be back for next year's team.

Don Ryan, a junior, proved himself of definite value with his long shots. He will be an asset to next year's squad.

Other juniors to bolster next year's squad, who proved themselves this season, were: Mauntel, forward, and Magnusson and Truckenbrod, guards. Lee Hoffman and John Harris, when called upon, amazed the crowd with their percentage of shots.

Second Row: Coach L. Doenier, B. Magnusson, J. Harris, D. Truckenbrod, D. Serup, B. Mauntel, L. Hoffman, R. Losee, Mgr.

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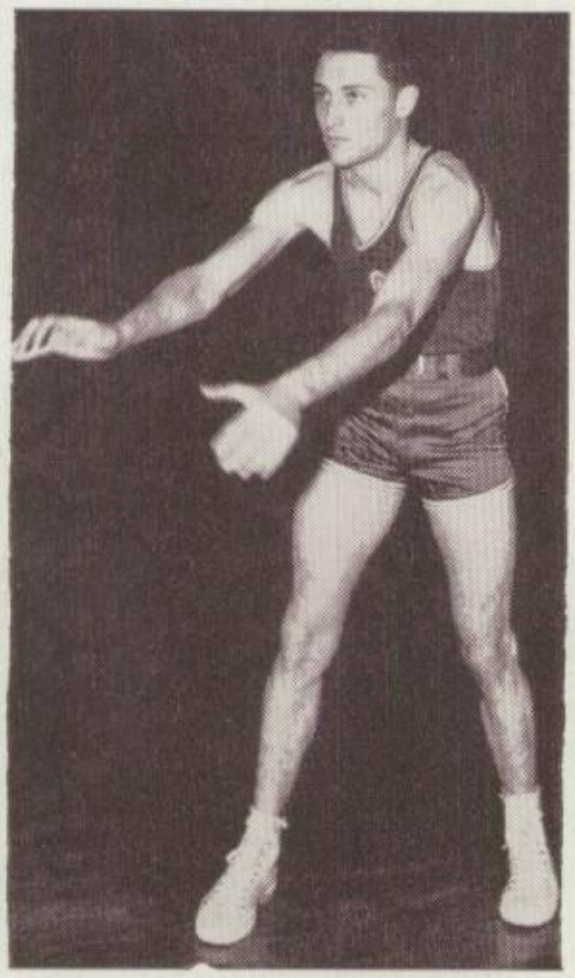

Sharpshooters

FOURTH ROW
Lee Hoffman
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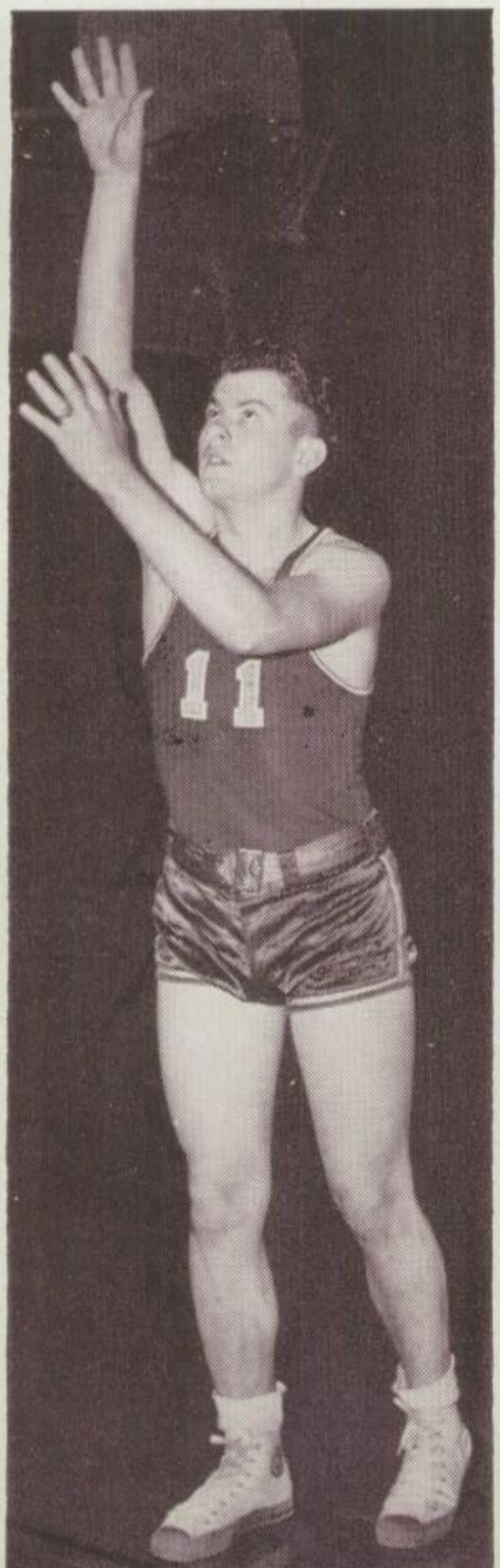
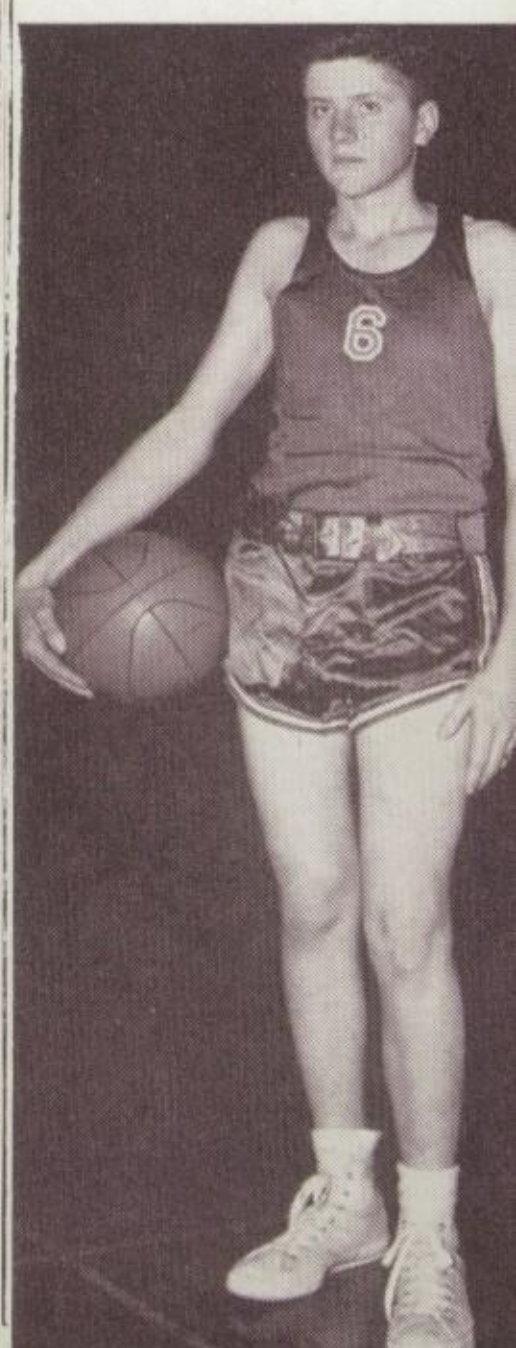
THIRD ROW
John Harris

SECOND ROW
Don Serup
Charlie Wilhelm

FIRST ROW
Don Ryan
Bob Mauntel





Swish Artists

FIRST ROW
Wayne Ritter
Pen Faber

SECOND ROW
Jim Hickok

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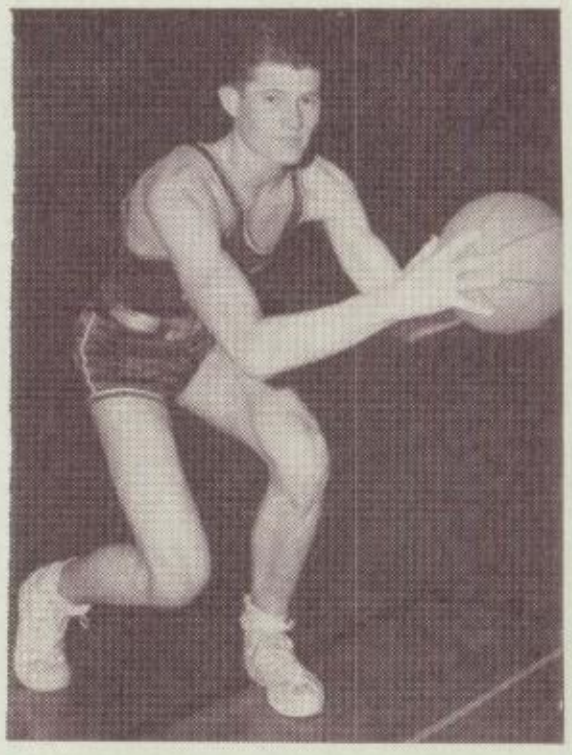
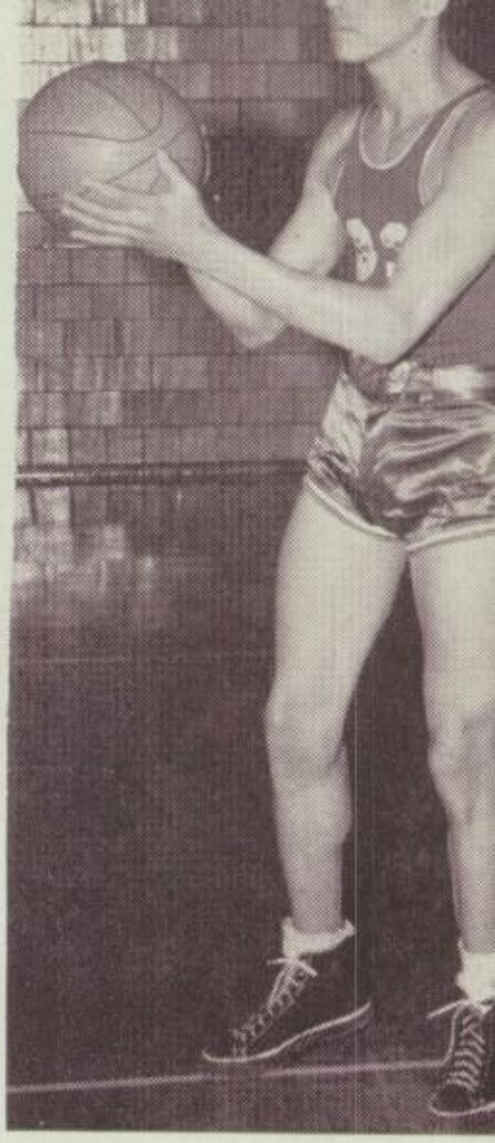
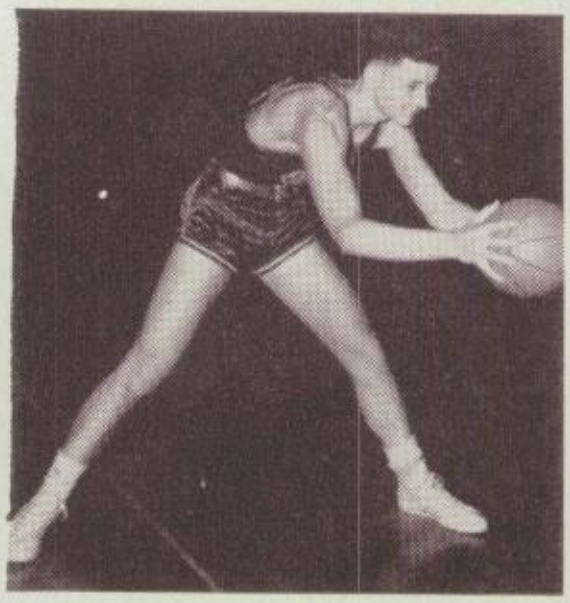
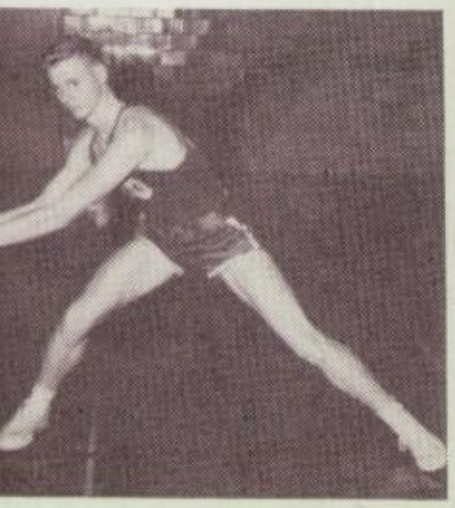
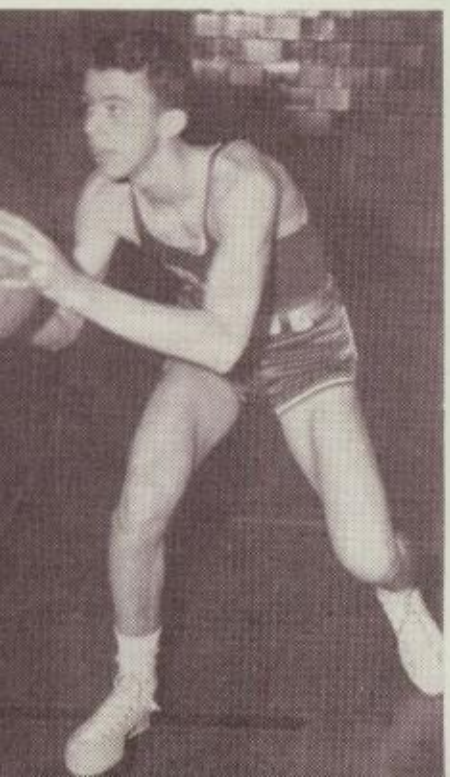
FOURTH ROW
Joe Brady
Al Loach

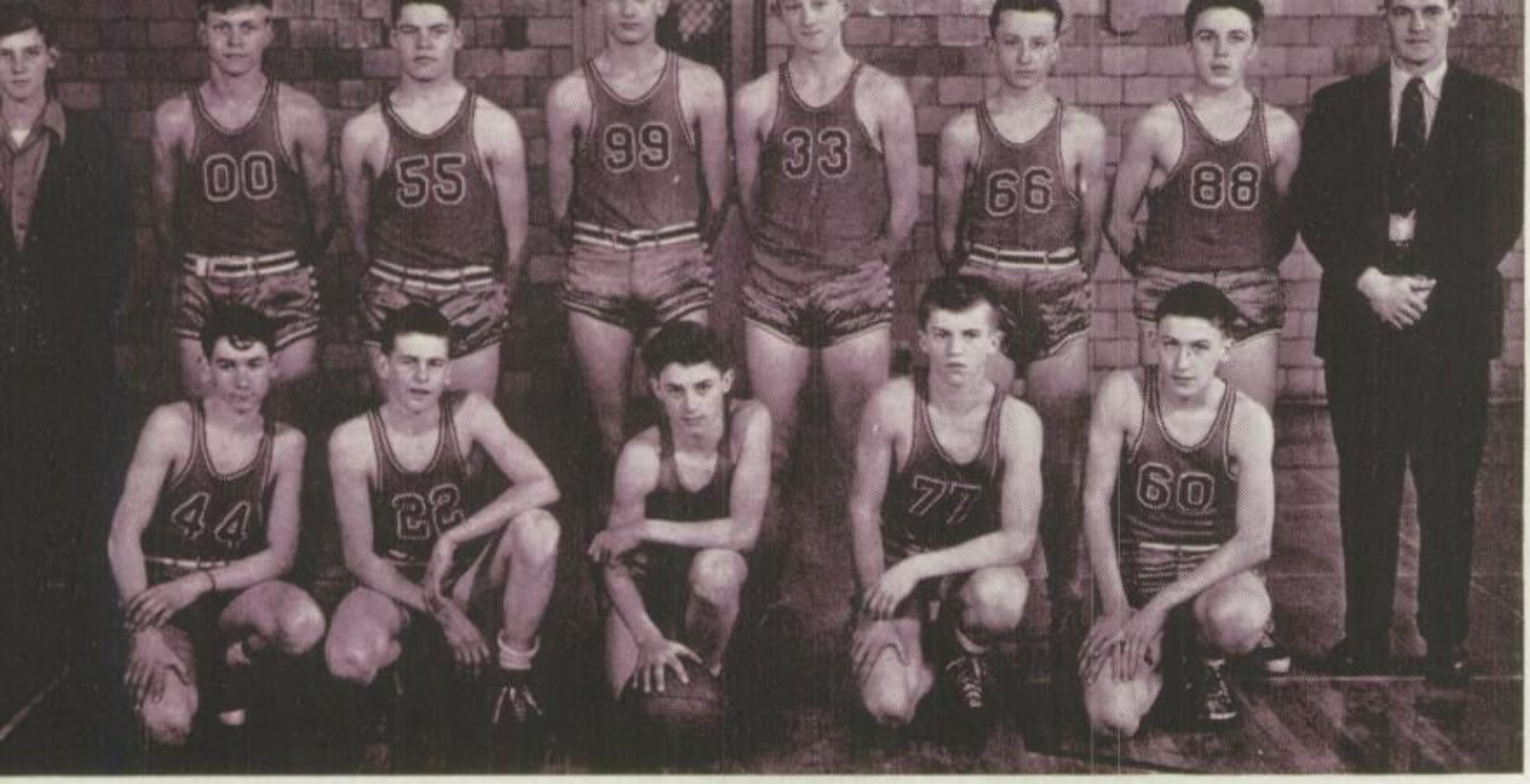












Second Row: B. Brunner, Mgr., A. Wood, L. Gray, C. Van Etten, R. Mealey, L. Lau, H. Phalen, Coach Lewis.

First Row: K. Piller, T. Faber, G. Johnson, D. Fitzsimmons, B. Durand.

Soph Basketeers . . . .

The Mendota Jay Tee cagers under their new coach, Ted Lewis, turned out a season long to be remembered in MHS. A total of nineteen boys reported for duty, and there were no returning lettermen. Yet Coach Lewis molded these inexperienced boys into a flashy bunch of determined basketball players. They can boast of a record in wins and losses that far exceeds many a previous squad. With sixteen wins in twenty-three starts these Junior Trojans made themselves the black horse of the Conference.

They started out the season by losing only three games in their first seventeen starts. The end of the season the squad found themselves in a losing streak, but the score was always very close.

They won four conference games and lost five. Four of these losses were in the last six games. Princeton beat them by two baskets, Sterling by two baskets, and Geneseo by three points. They lost to Ottawa 25 to 18 and Dixon 41 to 35. Spring Valley fell victim to the Jay Tees 29 to 23, while DeKalb was nosed out in a sensational game 22 to 21. Rochelle went down 25 to 21, and Rock Falls was beaten 27 to 18.

Ottawa Catholic High and Depue were the only teams outside of the conference competition to have the distinction of beating the frosh-soph squad. The Depue game was disputed because of inaccurate time keeping, but their score was allowed to stand, and they won 28 to 25.

The squad played some outstanding games for which they are to be commended. Their victory over DeKalb in the final seconds was a thriller, and although they lost to Ottawa Catholic High, they played good ball. The Hall game found the Jay Tees at their best, and Mendota defeated the Jr. Redmen 29 to 23.

LaVere Gray was chosen captain and led his team down the winning column. He was a tricky ball handler, and his left handed shot was deadly.

Dick Fitzsimmons led the team in scoring and this sharpshooter will definitely aid next year's varsity. He played forward.

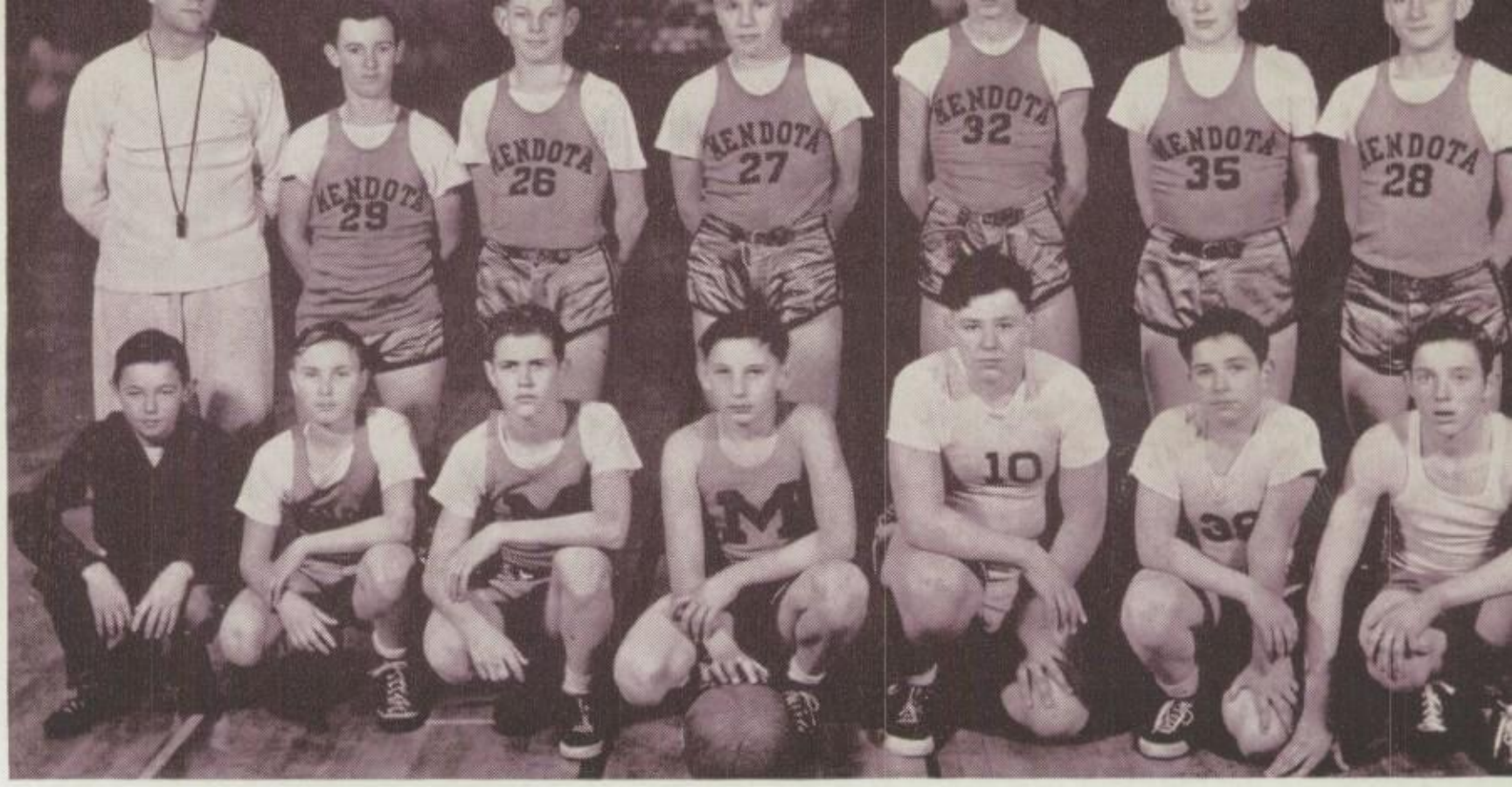
Alan Wood, a transfer, was fast on his feet and an aggressive defense fighter at the guard spot.

Curt Van Etten and Bob Mealey worked from the pivot spot where their opponents found the lanky Jay Tees tough customers.

Tom Faber's keen eye made him another sharpshooter that will bolster next year's varsity.

Durand, Peasley, Phalen, Lau, and Johnson were the freshmen on the squad and saw plenty of action. They will take over again next year to bring home many a victory.

Piller was the smallest member of the squad, but his spirit and aggressiveness made him a fine reserve.



Second Row: Coach Morris, E. Zinke, J. Harmon, R. Childers, R. Parsons, R. Elsesser, D. Abbott.
First Row: D. Simpson, Mgr., B. Wilhelm, R. McIntyre, D. Thorne, J. Dougherty, W. La Shonse, A. Reppin.

Frosh Mighty Mites . . . .

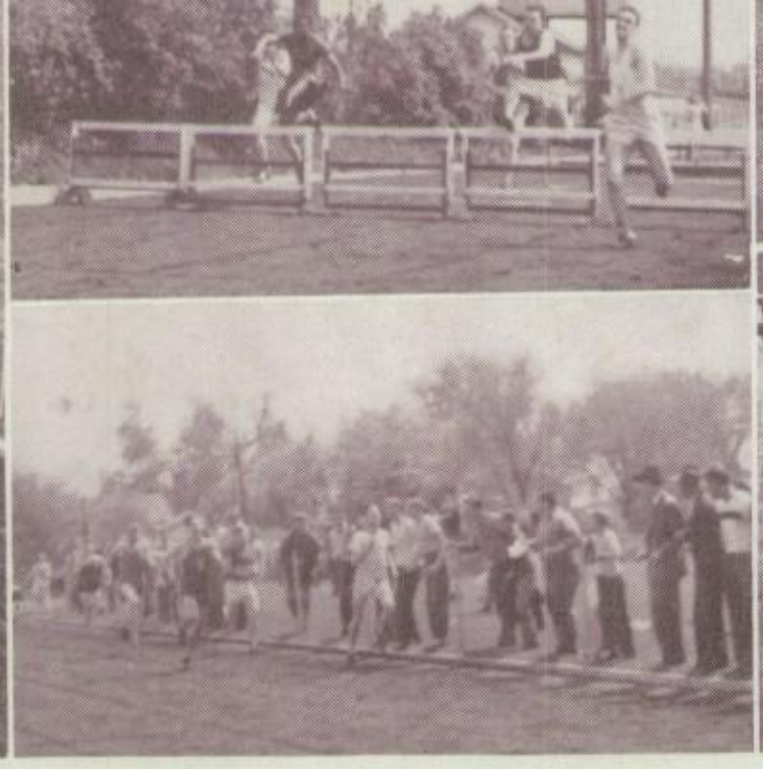
The freshman team is composed of boys whose abilities or capacities are capable of winning them a position on the freshman-sophomore squad. The purpose of this team is to build players for use the following year on the sophomore team. This team, coached by Fred Morris, is opened only to freshman boys. The team is composed of two groups. Six boys from the fresh-soph squad constitute part of the team. Members from that team are Henry Peasley, Harry Phalen, Benny Durand, Kenneth Piller, George Johnson, and Lawrence Lau.

Other freshman boys who played on this team were Donald Abbott, Joseph Dougherty, Ronald Childers, Richard Elsesser, Bruce Wilhelm, Elmer Zinke, Donald Thorne, Gaylon Ehlers, Richard Parsons, Robert McIntyre, James Harmon, William La Shonse, and Arthur Reppin.

The team had no set schedule but played opposition whenever it could be found. They played fourteen games with schools from other towns. They won ten of these games and lost four. They won the Freshman Tournament held at Princeton on February 28. They showed plenty of basketball ability, and several players were developed and given experience for future use on Mendota varsities.

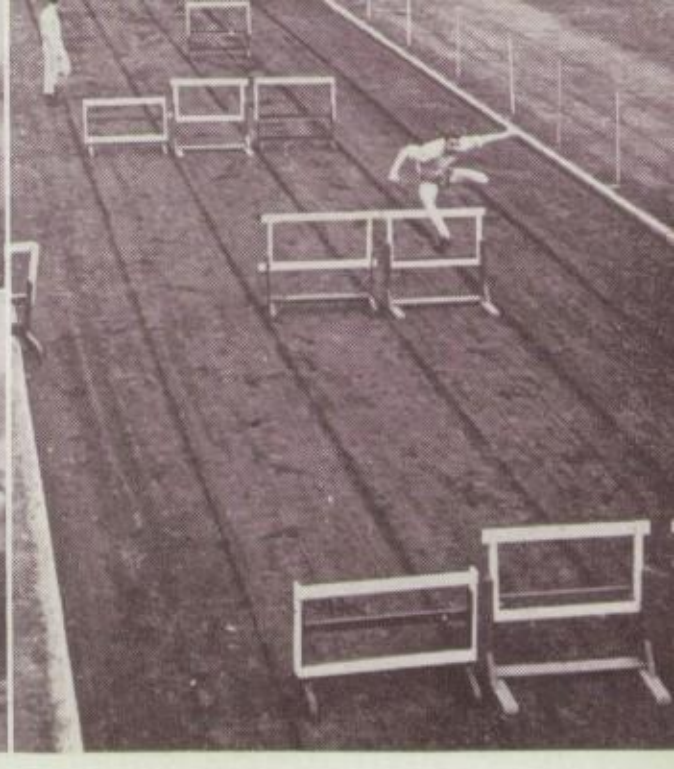
They won one and lost one game to the West Brooklyn High School team. They split with the Earlville freshmen with one win each. They took two victories from the Hall Township High School freshmen. They beat the Princeton freshman team on the Princeton floor before the varsity game. The LaMoille freshmen were victims for two of the team's wins. They captured a single game from the Compton High School team. The Amboy team contributed two of their losses. In the tournament they trimmed the Hall team 49-14 and then beat Princeton 20-14 for the championship. Coach Morris should receive much praise and credit for developing these future players.

100 yd. Dash



Westerman taking District low hurdles

Don Serup wins District 440



Pen Faber, high hurdler

Future Olympic Champions . . . .

The Mendota Trojans' 1947 thinly clad track team proved to be one of the best track squads in the history of MHS. The team was small in number but went at their training enthusiastically and it paid off in dividends. Twelve boys reported for the squad at the beginning of the season.

Four MHS records were broken by the '47 cindermen, they were beat out by one point in the District, collected 4½ points at the State Meet, and wound up fourth in the Conference. Because of the small number of boys on the squad, the Trojans didn't show so well in the smaller meets. In larger meets, outstanding individual performance paid good dividends.

The high light of the season was the State Meet at Champaign where Wallace "Spike" Hawke tied for first place with a record-breaking 12 ft. 3 in. vault. This gave the Trojans 4½ points and made them the 13th best team in the state.

At the Mendota District three other boys qualified for the State Meet. Don Serup circled the 440 in the preliminaries of the State Meet in a record breaking 51.7 which put him in the finals where he failed to place. The lanky Trojan will be back again this year to continue his winning performances. Dave Westerman reached the semi-finals in the 200 yd. low hurdles with the time of 22.4 seconds, which is three-tenths of a second off the National Interscholastic High School record. He had the second fastest time in the preliminary meets but nicked the last hurdle in the semi-finals and was out of the money. Dave is also back this year and will be trying to clear that last hurdle which stood between him and the state finals. Roger Butler also qualified for state by taking second in the District, but in so doing injured his ankle and thus was eliminated from participating at Champaign. Last year the District Meet was held at Mendota and the fighting Trojans came within one point of making the biggest upset in the District meets held that day. With the Trojans ahead 26-25, the balance of victory was held in the final event, the relay, but the Mendota tracksters were defeated in a thrilling race and lost the meet 30-29 to La Salle-Peru.

Mendota's points were compiled as follows: Hawke, 1st in pole vault, 2nd in discus and relay, 9¾ points; Westerman, 1st in low hurdles, 3rd in 100, relay, 8¾ points; Serup, 1st in 440, relay, 5¾ points; Butler, 2nd in pole vault, 4 points; Eckert, relay, ¾ point; Total: 29 points. Had the Trojans not been handicapped by injuries earlier in the season the results of the above contest could have been altered. Lamar Brewbaker was unable to participate during the season, Faber, capable high hurdler, pulled a muscle in the first meet, and Loach, potential high jumper and half-miler, was unable to participate in these events and was transfered to the discus and high hurdles in the middle of the season.

The Mendota District registered some of the best times in the state. Serup's 51.9 was second fastest time clocked in the District meets and Westerman's 23.3 was 5th fastest District time clocked in the state for the state meet. Hawke's 11 ft. 8 in. leap was the third highest.

Wayne Eckert proved himself a valuable dash man and ran 2nd in the relay team. He was beat out by inches in the semi-finals of the District 220. Roger Butler was a consistent point gatherer in the pole vault and broad jump. Loach and Hickok brought in points in the high jump. Hickok was also in the pole vault.

Don Serup, 440 yd. run

As the Atodnem goes to press before the 1948 track season is completed, a summary of this season will appear in the '49 annual. A brief forecast of the outlook for next year can be presented.

This year the squad will miss the services of Coach "Spud" Owen who is now coaching at Culver Stockton College in Missouri. Lloyd Doenier is back on the job and, together with Coach Ted Lewis, the Trojans' prospects are very good for a successful season again this year.

Don Serup, state finalist in the '47 season, is back in the 440 yard run and will be out to better the 51.7 mark he made at Champaign. Don will also run the 220 yard dash.

Dave Westerman, also a contestant at the State Meet last year, will be out to crack the 22.4 seconds record he established in the semi-finals in the 200 yard low hurdles. He also runs the 100.

Lamar Brewbaker, who was unable to participate last year, will be a valuable dash man. In his sophomore year he was varsity material and was consistent winner in the century and 220.

Pen Faber, also on the injured list of last year, proved himself a high-flyer in the Conference meet at Sterling by being edged out of first place in the high hurdles. He should be a definite point gatherer in the '48 season. He also runs the lows.

The Trojans have a capable young miler in Robert Waller, one of the few juniors on the squad.

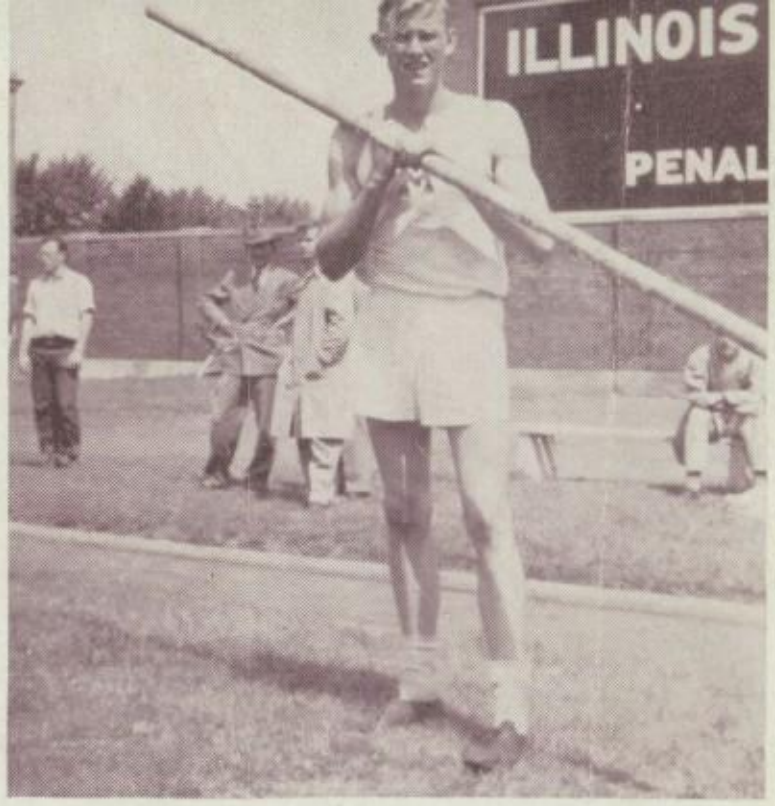
Jim Hickok's 11 ft. 2 in. vault at the Conference meet last year makes his chances good of being a leading vaulter in the locality. Jim also is a high jumper.

Al Loach will be back in the high jump, broad jump and discus. Don Pedersen will run in the half-mile and the Trojan relay team will probably be Brewbaker, Serup, Faber and Westerman.

Mendota's relay team suffered a set back in the absence of Lamar Brewbaker but it worked hard and got third in the District and 4th in the Conference. The team was composed of Serup, Eckert, Hawke, and Westerman.

The Trojans placed 4th in the Conference Meet at Sterling. Faber took 2nd in the high hurdles, Serup won the 440, Hawke tied for first in the pole vault and broke the Conference record in the discus with a 136 ft. 10½ in. heave. Brewbaker's only appearance of the season was a 5th place in the broad jump. Westerman ran 2nd in the low hurdles and third in the 100, Hickok tied for 4th in the pole vault. The relay team came in fourth.

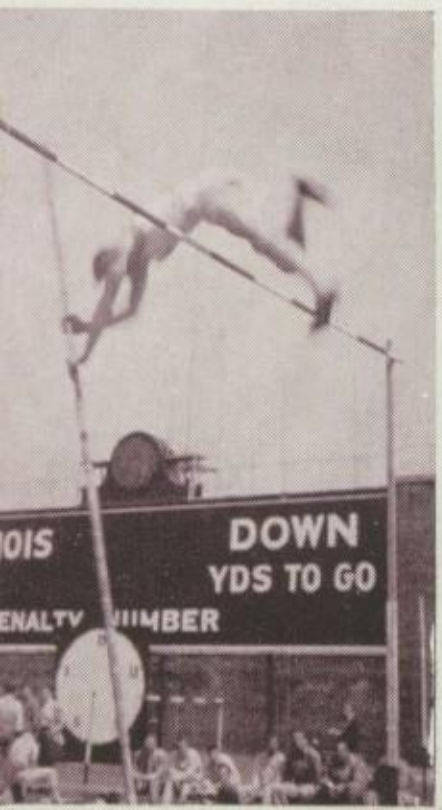
One of the greatest reasons for a highly successful season was the fine coaching of Lloyd Doenier and "Spud" Owen. Both worked hard in getting the boys in shape and helping them master their events. A tremendous job was accomplished by them in running off the District meet that was held at Mendota on May 18th. The '47 squad owes much to these two men for the successful season.



"Spike" Hawke, state champ

Dave Westerman, 200 yd. low hurdles

wke's state-winning vault — 12 ft. 3 in.



Third in District 100 yd. dash finals by Westerman, extreme left

Mendota Sports Schedules and Statistics

1947 TRACK SEASON
MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

VARSITY SQUAD	F.S. SQUAD
Major letters:	Minor letters:
Brewbaker	Gray
Hawke	Faber, T.
Butler	Fitzsimmons
Westerman	Karl
Faber, P.	Joeger
Loach	Buettner
Hickok	Mauntel
Serup	Ryan
Eckert	Walter
Minor letter:	Schwemlein
Schimmer	Hochstatter
	Pedersen
	Ehlers
	Magnusson

FROSH-SOPH TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
100 yard dash	Dave Westerman	10.7	1946
220 yard dash	Wayne Eckert	24.5	1946
440 yard dash	Don Serup	56.	1946
880 yard run	Albert Loach	2:16.5	1946
Mile run	Robert Waller	5:13.4	1947
70 yd. high hurdles	Penny Faber	10.1	1946
110 yd. low hurdles	Dave Westerman	13.	1946
440 yd. relay	(L. Brewbaker) (D. Serup) (W. Eckert) (D. Westerman)	47	1946
Shot put	Wayne Eckert	38' 6"	1946
Discus	Albert Loach	106' 10"	1946
Pole vault	James Hickok	10' 5"	1946
High jump	(James Hickok) (Charles Wilhelm)	5' 5"	1946
Broad jump	L. Brewbaker	18' 9"	1946

MENDOTA VARSITY SCHOOL RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
100 yard dash	L. Reeder	10.2	1938
220 yard dash	Buck	23.	1921
440 yard dash	D. Serup	51.7	1947
880 yard run	R. Larkin	2:02.0	1941
1 mile run	R. Larkin	4:40.0	1941
120 high hurdles	E. Prather	16.	1946
220 low hurdles	D. Westerman	22.4	1947
Pole vault	W. Hawke (St. Champ—'47)	12'3"	1947
Shot put	Olson	45'8"	1930
Broad jump	G. Hessenberger	21'3"	1935
High jump	G. Hessenberger	5' 10½"	1935
Discus	W. Hawke	136' 10½"	1947
880 yard relay	(L. Brewbaker) (J. Stremlau) (A. Arthurs) (E. Prather)	1:35.6	1946
Javelin	D. Whitmore	200'	1939

SCHEDULES AND STATISTICS VARSITY BASKETBALL

	We	They
La Moille	52	22
Earlville	51	47
Ohio	41	22
Amboy	33	34
Granville	42	30
South Beloit	52	24
Spring Valley	56	66
Hopkins	42	21
Sandwich	48	27
Depue	48	46
Ottawa	38	46
De Kalb	43	42
Ohio	49	38
Rochelle	51	46
La Moille	67	30
Rock Falls	42	47
Depue	40	30
Dixon	47	28
Princeton	49	54
Earlville	54	33
Amboy	62	64
Sterling	45	44
Geneseo	53	56
Hall (Regional Tournament)	48	57

SCHEDULES AND STATISTICS SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

	We	They
La Moille	54	21
Earlville	45	22
Ohio	30	18
Amboy	15	11
Granville	25	24
Ottawa Catholic	21	32
Spring Valley	29	23
Hopkins	29	18
Sandwich	25	20
Depue	25	28
Ottawa	18	25
De Kalb	22	21
Ohio	38	24
Rochelle	25	21
La Moille	37	17
Rock Falls	27	18
Depue	32	29
Dixon	35	41
Princeton	24	28
Earlville	45	25
Amboy	49	20
Sterling	24	28
Geneseo	29	32

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